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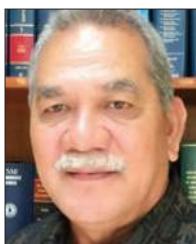
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## AG: Pot bill does not follow process

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REPORTER

A proposed bill to regulate the use of marijuana in the CNMI would first have to hurdle the Legislature. It would then go to the governor. If Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs it, it will then be presented to voters for voting at the next election.

That's not according to how a bill becomes law, said Attorney General Edward Manibusan, who raised a concern that the bill does not follow the "standard legislative process."



Manibusan

In a letter dated Oct. 25, 2017, Manibusan said that all but one section of Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar's (R-

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### RED RIBBONS

Students, teachers, and advocates wave red ribbons to signify their support of the fight against the use of drugs during the Red Ribbon Week waving yesterday on Beach Road, Garapan

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

## 'Monfore found floating in swimming hole'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety is still looking into the death of ocean swimmer Monte Monfore, who was found dead at Pinatang Park in Song-song, Rota Tuesday afternoon.

Acting DPS spokesman Lt. Jason Tarkong said yesterday that Monfore, 56, was found floating face down in

the swimming hole at Pinatang Park.

Tarkong said that a witness called 911 on Tuesday at 3pm to report that a Caucasian male had been found floating in the swimming hole at Pinatang Park.

Tarkong said Rota Department of Fire and Emergency



Monfore

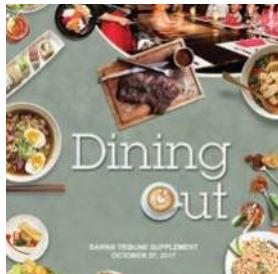
Medical Services medics and Rota police responded to Pinatang Park. He said medics did chest compressions on Monfore.

Tarkong said the victim was brought to the Rota Health Center, where a doctor pronounced him dead.

No other details were

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## 2 arrested in 'ice' case

A woman suspected as one of the main sources of methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan and her alleged associate were arrested last Wednesday in Chalan Kanoa.

Karina Aldan Castro, 44, and Dave Angui, 57, were arrested for trafficking and possession of a controlled substance, and conspiracy.

The two were arrested by members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force.

A \$100,000 cash bail was each imposed on Castro and Angui; preliminary hearing is on Nov. 1 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit served as counsel for Castro,

while a private counsel will be appointed for Angui.

According to police officer Jeffrey I. Norita, a cooperating source of the task force managed to purchase "ice" from Castro and Angui at Castro's residence on Elphidia Street in Chalan Kanoa during "buy-walk" operations last Sept. 13 and 19.

In his report, Norita said their cooperating source was able to buy \$200 worth of 0.7 gross grams of "ice" during the first operation and \$400 worth of 1.2 gross grams of "ice" in the second operation.

The bail hearing yesterday was presided by Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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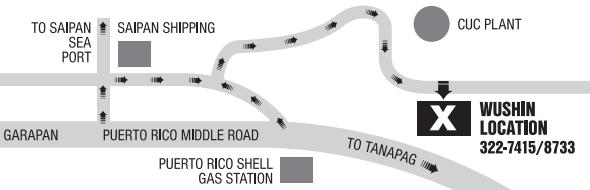
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# CCC's Reyes uncertain of casino's completion on time

By ERWIN ENCINARES  
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REPORTER

An official of the Commonwealth Casino Commission is dubious that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC would be able to meet its self-imposed deadline to finish the construction of its gaming facility.

Joseph Reyes, who is vice chair of the casino commission, remains skeptical of IPI's ability to meet the casino completion deadline in October 2018.

"[IPI] still faces a setback

due to the [lack of] workers," he said, adding that the Imperial Pacific Resort is a 'high-rise building' and Saipan lacks people "well versed" in working on buildings as high as this.

"Even those tower crane operators are not easy to find. [Despite this], it was indicated that efforts are taking place in trying to bring U.S. workers in here...I give [IPI] credit for that," he added.

Reyes told *Saipan Tribune* that IPI claims its planned casino resort is at 62 percent. According to documents

*Saipan Tribune* obtained in mid-September 2017, their current completion rate was also at 62 percent.

When asked if he believes IPI would be able to meet the deadline, Reyes said: "Personally, I don't think so."

He pointed out that the recent bad weather, along with the manpower problems, continue to hinder the progress of the construction.

"I am sure [IPI is] fully aware of it. They said they are doing the best they can, but one thing they should consider is if a storm comes

this way," he said.

If the deadline next year is not met, Reyes said the Casino License Agreement, or CLA, must once again be amended. He said no penalties would be involved because, according to Public Law 18-56 and 19-24, the CLA establishes "liquidated damages."

"The liquidated damages does not apply to the current project," he said, referring to the initial gaming facility.

If IPI does not meet its deadline to complete Phase I, which is in August 2023

and Phase II, which is in August 2028, that is when fines would kick in.

"The liquidated damage

is not imposed on the initial gaming facility," said Reyes.

Phase II is the integrated resort in Marpi.

## Kilili statement on CW cap delay

WASHINGTON, D.C.—

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) issued the following statement yesterday on the Department of Homeland Security's delay in announcing the CW, foreign worker permit, cap for fiscal year 2018.

"But I do know that the delay is harmful to our businesses and to workers, who are waiting for the decision and to find out whether they will get the 2018 CW permits they have applied for." (PR)

est decision for the Northern Marianas economy right now.

"I will not speculate on why the Trump administration has not yet made a decision on the fiscal year 2018 CW cap.

"My position is that the 2018 cap should go down by one—just one—to 12,997. "That would be the saf-

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**VA benefits counselor visiting Saipan**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration will be visiting Saipan. A VA benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic on Dec. 15, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The benefits counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process.

The Saipan VA Outreach Clinic is located at the MH II Bldg. Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Ga-

rapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. (PR)

**Scheduled power outage on Saturday**

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, from 5:30am to 10:30am to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely replace deteriorated power pole hardware along Isa Drive on Capitol Hill.

Water services to Garapan, CHCC Hospital, Lower Navy Hill, Sadog Tasi and Lower Base areas will be interrupted. Areas to be affected include Isa Drive, Capital Hill (Sagua Dr., Hafno St., Mate Dr., and Haat P1.), Sadog Tasi (Coastal Dr., Laguna Dr., Trenchera Ln., Nonak Dr., Rubentasion Ln., Woosch Dr., Tide Lp., Leeset Ln., Acho Tasi Pl., Sadog Tasi Dr., and Pila Dr.), Lower Base Drive, and Lower Base (Orhopay P1., Pagu Av., Ufa St., Manglen Way, and Mangrove P1.) Water wells to be affected include SQ-4, SQ-7, SQ-148, SQ-149,

and SQ-150. (CUC)

**Kagman church to serve free breakfast**

The Kagman Community Church will serve free breakfast to the community on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 9am. All are welcome to join. KCC will also have a pot-luck for the community on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 5pm, followed by the weekly service at 6pm. Rides are provided free of charge to any church event. Contact Zack at 789-8071 for a ride. (PR)

**CNMI Next Top Chef competition**

The CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 invites interested chefs to register for the competition on Nov. 9, 2017, at 6pm at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Tickets are now on sale for \$50/person including the live cooking competition, full buffet dinner, and raffle. For a chef entry form or tickets, contact Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation at 235-2340 or emptyvesselministry@gmail.com. Jointly organized with

the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the event will benefit the Empty Vessel Ministry. (PR)

**Halloween Fun at AMP**

On Oct. 31, from 3:30pm to 6pm, the American Memorial Park will host trick-or-treating along with a special World War II-theme related costume contest. Prizes will be given for the top three costumes. To participate in the contest, be sure to check-in with staff or volunteers before 6pm. For more information or if you would like to be a part of the event and give out treats, register with Jovannalyn Mafnas by Oct. 27, 2017 at jmafna@pacifichistoricparks.org or call 234-7207 Ext. 2020. (NPS)

**Limited tickets for 'Ultimate Drag Queen' on Nov. 4**

In celebration of their 25th year anniversary in the CNMI, the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club will host a fundraiser called "The Ultimate Drag Queen 2017" on Nov. 4, at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan

World Resort. VIP tickets cost \$25 and general admission is \$15. Proceeds from the event will be used for the club's community projects. For more details, call club president Annamae Adaza at 285-4388, vice president Lourdes Ortiz at 785-2306, VP Leony Mendoza at 287-7563, secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, or Ernie Molina at 789-8212. (PR)

**Marriage Encounter Weekend set**

The next CNMI Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan on Nov. 17-19 2017. It is open to husband and wife couples of all denominations and mixed faiths. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$100. If couples are unable to fund the \$100, M.E. will find sponsors to pay the fee. To participate,

email cnmme@gmail.com or call Joe and Linda Muña at 287-2102. Space is limited to the first 15 couples only. (PR)

**PH consulate to hold NMI outreach**

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, will conduct a mobile consular outreach in the CNMI from Nov. 13 to 17, 2017 (Monday to Friday) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 9am to 6pm. Those who wish to renew their passport, submit your application at the Finasisu Terraces, Apartment Building D, second floor (top of the Mini-Mart Store), Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (12pm to 1pm, break time). For any inquiry about passport renewal, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. (PR)

**ERRRATUM**

In the story titled "Many at hearing said yes to pot bill" that was published on Oct. 25, 2017, it mistakenly quoted one of those who testified, Laura Muña, as saying that "the use of marijuana alleviates her daughter's pain." This is incorrect. It should state that the use of marijuana "would hopefully" alleviate her daughter's pain. Our apologies. The online version of this article has been edited to reflect this correction.

**MONFORE**

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released.

It was Dr. Gregory Kotheimer, a physician at the Commonwealth Health Center, who declared Monfore dead on arrival at the Rota Health Center. Kotheimer has been temporarily assigned at Rota Health Center.

Dr. Francois Claassens, a resident of Rota, told *Saipan Tribune* that Monfore had a "very significant" open head injury.

Claassens, however, stated

that it is not clear whether Monfore's injury was a result of him hitting his head on a rock while swimming or somebody else hitting him.

At the time, the waters were rough because of a passing storm.

Monfore made a 7-kilometer, Lombok Straight Fight Hunger Swim in Indonesia as part of the May 13, 2007, World Food Program Global Walk the World, an event supporting hungry schoolchildren. From California, he reportedly resided in Bali, then settled alone on Rota six months ago.

ny will be conducted when the vessel arrives. The ceremony will be led by the captain of the voyage, master navigator Peia Petai.

Aside from the traditional ceremony, the celebration will also include live entertainment like traditional dances, live music from local bands, and more.

Elders from the Carolinian and Chamorro communities, Lino Olopai and Juan Tenorio, will give speeches at the arrival celebration.

Perez said the Okeanos Marianas would be arriving in canoe standard time so it requires flexibility.

Individuals who are interested taking part in the arrival celebration should monitor the Okeanos Marianas' Facebook page.


**YOUNG AUTHOR COMPETITION**

First lady Diann Torres, her daughter Divannie Torres, and members of the Lady Diann Torres Foundation presented copies of books / *Linala Hu* and *Hafa Sinentete-Mu?* to teachers and other representatives of Tanapag Middle School for inclusion in the school's library. Both books are on sale for \$10 at the Lady Diann Torres Foundation office in Susupe. Custom souvenir tees in adult and children sizes are also available for \$15. Proceeds of the sale of both books and souvenir tees will fund the 2nd Annual LDTF Language in Literacy Young Author's Competition, which is ongoing until Nov. 27. Interested authors are encouraged to participate. For details, call 235-5838 or email ladydianntorresfoundation@gmail.com. For students under the Public School System, you may seek assistance about this program from your teachers and school administrators.

**AG**

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Saipan) Senate Bill 20-62 SD1 "passes constitutional muster."

One portion that raised a red flag for Manibusan was a section in the bill that does not allow S.B. 20-62 SD1 to become a law after being signed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. That alone is a "novel and likely illegal" approach to how the bill becomes law upon its passage, he said.

He was quick to point out, though, that the Office of the Attorney General "neither takes a position" on the regulation and legalization of cannabis.

The way S.B. 20-62 SD1 is written as of publication is that even if the law passes the House of Representatives and gains the approval of the governor, the law then is inserted into the ballots for the 2018

general elections for the public to vote on.

The bill further divides the legalization and regulation of cannabis per island. It would only apply to islands where the bill obtains a simple majority of votes during the 2018 elections. Simple majority means more than 50 percent of votes

approving the passage of the bill. In places where a simple majority vote is not obtained, the bill would not apply and cannabis use would remain illegal. That could potentially mean that cannabis use would be allowed on Saipan but not on Tinian.

In his comments on the bill, Manibusan said the ballot measure would not include "the full text of the bill, but simply the question, 'should the Commonwealth legalize and regulate marijuana by approving the CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018?'"

"This process is inconstant

with the Commonwealth Constitution," Manibusan said, adding that this section of S.B. 20-62 SD1 only allows a simple majority of the voters to approve the question for the bill to become law. Initiatives usually require two-thirds majority of yes voters.

A bill becomes law either through the regular legislative process or an initiative. The former, which is the usual process, is the faster way to pass bills into law. This process requires one chamber of the Legislature to draft a bill, deliberate on the bill, and then act on the bill before it goes to the other chamber of the Legislature. The other chamber goes through the same process and if passed, goes to the governor for enactment.

The initiative, on the other hand, starts with a petition that must be brought to and approved by the attorney gen-

eral and should be signed by at least 20 percent of people qualified to vote in the Commonwealth before the entire bill is placed on the ballot. If the initiative garners at least two-thirds of the majority that votes for its passage, the bill then becomes law.

"...SB 20-62 follows neither the standard legislative process nor the constitutionally prescribed voter initiative method. The bill either inhibits the constitutionally mandated review of the law by the governor, or it does not follow the proper procedure, ballot language, and number of votes to pass as an initiative. As such, [the section pertaining to the bill's passage] needs to be removed or amended," said Manibusan.

His letter was submitted to Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law chair Sen. Steve K. Mesongon (R-Rota).

**OKEANOS**

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are being heightened for its arrival.

Preparations are currently kicking into high gear with the organization of the flotilla that will sail to the Northern Islands and the arrival of special guests like Sesario Sewralur, a voyager who personally sailed with master navigator Mau Piailug many years ago.

The Marianas Visitors Authority will also start decorating the area around the Guma Sakman in Susupe where the vessel will be arriving.

Perez hopes the entire community comes out on Saturday to welcome the Okeanos Marianas. A traditional Ateri ceremo-

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last September.

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## UH, NMC to host climate forum

The University of Hawaii and Northern Marianas College, along with other partners in the region, are teaming up to host the CNMI Extension Climate Forum, which will be held on Nov. 2 and 3, 2017, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Organized by UH's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and NMC Cooperative Research and Extension Education Services, the CNMI Extension Climate Forum is a knowledge exchange event designed to create a space for interactive learning and discussion about ways to effectively respond to regional climate change impacts, especially within the agricultural sector.

"Also, we are very excited about our CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 competition on Nov. 9 at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan," said Cavanagh. "This event highlights the culinary trade and partnerships that are such an important part of the local hospitality industry, and all proceeds will go toward Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, which continues to do tremendous outreach in the community to serve women, children and

for the hospitality industry of the NMC. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. (PR)

## EXTENSION CLIMATE FORUM NORTHERN MARIANAS

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The main objectives of the CNMI Climate Forum are to develop foundational knowledge of regional climate change science; identify locally relevant strategies for climate adaptation and communication; and incorporate climate-related information and tools into cooperative extension services and programs.

The second day of the climate forum will feature an optional "Field and Farm Tour" beginning on the NMC campus.

Interested community members are invited to attend. However, space is limited. To register for the event, email [michael.ogo@marianas.edu](mailto:michael.ogo@marianas.edu) or call 237-6847 or 483-1965.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative are also assisting in organizing the event. (NMC)

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### AGENDA<sup>1</sup>

- I. Preliminary
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments<sup>2</sup>
- III. New Business
  1. Retention of COE
- IV. Executive Session<sup>3</sup>
  1. Legal Updates
  2. Personnel
  3. Other matters
- V. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- VI. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each.

<sup>3</sup> Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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## 90-year-old Korean group visits peace memorial

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA  
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REPORTER

A 90-year-old Korean organization visited the Korean Peace Memorial last Wednesday to conduct a peace memorial ceremony and pay tribute to Korean victims of World War II.

A little over 20 members of the South Korea-based Geun Woo Hwae and the local Korean community took part in the event in Marpi. In total, about 50 individuals were present at the ceremony, a small and intimate affair graced by the presence of Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

Apatang, who spoke at the

ceremony, focused on the importance of the ceremony for both the organization and the Commonwealth. He said the memorial serves as a reminder of the terrible losses endured by both the Koreans and the indigenous Chamorro during the war over 70 years ago.

"We come together to honor and pray for the many soldiers and innocent civilians who perished during the war," said Apatang.

He said the peace between South Korea and the Commonwealth is vital and should continue to be honored.

"We must never forget that

we share one common belief despite our many differences,"

Apatang said. During the ceremony, prayers

were offered and Apatang was presented with a rare medallion that, according to Korean Community president Jay Park, is of great value to Korea.

The Geun Woo Hwae service organization presented the medallion to both Apatang and Park for supporting the memorial service.

tion with other law enforcement and first responders. The goal is to have it be a rapid response page that shoots out updates from the field to your computer, smartphone, and through our radio partners. We've adopted social media best practices from first response agencies throughout states and territories and plan to ensure that any incidents are handled more efficiently to reduce uncertainty, panic, and false reporting.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres underscored the importance of social media as a vital tool for disseminating information to the public, especially in times of emergencies and criminal activities.

"This page will serve as an added medium to the work being done now in coordina-

time or even at a faster rate than before," Tarkong said.

Torres said the community needs a rapid response page for local incidents, and that Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero supports this endeavor.

"Over the years, we have worked with other agencies and promoted our website to communicate incident reports and we've found that a rapid response team is needed more than ever. We have plans to improve the distribution of information over time as we deal with emergency situations from robberies, missing persons, or shooting incidents. This is one way we can also combat rumors or hearsay that cause confusion in the community. This page will serve as a portal for our residents to get accurate information in a timely manner. We ask that our community members visit the page regularly to stay informed," Guerrero said.

DPS police lieutenant and public information officer Jason Tarkong said the rapid response page would dispel any rumors for the public in terms of DPS' awareness of incidents.

"One recent example would be the gun-shooting rumors that were circulating around social media last month. Our rapid response team can better address these issues now and confirm their legitimacy in real

The public is invited to like and follow the CNMI Department of Public Safety on [www.facebook.com/CNMIDPS670](http://www.facebook.com/CNMIDPS670). You can also visit their website at [www.dps.gov.mp](http://www.dps.gov.mp). (PR)

## Hocog signs House local bill into law

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, acting governor Victor B. Hocog signed House Local Bill 20-15, which establishes the Saipan Bingo Act of 2017.

This bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the 20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Offered by Reps. Angel A. Demapan, Francisco C. Aguron, Blas Jonathan "B.J." T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igital, House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan, and SNILD chair Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, this bill becomes Saipan Local Law 20-16. (PR)

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# Uladong first woman to run for Koror governor

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

Former Koror state legislator Lillian "Lilly" Uludong, the only woman among seven candidates running for Koror governor for the Nov. 14 election, is on Saipan to meet Palau voters who reside in the CNMI.

Lilly Uludong and her husband, Moses Uludong, arrived on the island last Wednesday from Guam, where she also sought support from about 500 voters.

The Ulodongs will meet Koror voters tomorrow, Sat-



Uladong

urday, at the Seaside Restaurant (near the Cabrera Center) on Beach Road, from 6pm to 9pm. There are about 200 Koror voters on Saipan. They will cast their votes through absentee ballots.

Moses Uludong said it is the first time in Koror history that a woman is running for governor.

He appealed to voters to support his wife, whom he described as a

"very able woman" who can do a lot of things for Koror with her platforms.

Moses Uludong said Saipan

voters can make a difference for the election.

Lilly Uludong, 67, served eight years as Koror state legislator. She retired as Aging director after 36 years of service.

The Ulodongs publish the Palau newspaper *Tia Belau*.

Moses Uludong himself is also running for a seat at Ngchesar State Council at a separate Nov. 24 election. The elected 17 council members will select who among themselves will become the state's governor.

Moses Uludong served as a senator in Palau from 1981 to 1984. He also served two terms as governor of Ngchesar State from 1987 to 1993.

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## MVA: Strong ties with GVB, PVA beneficial

By BEA CABRERA  
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REPORTER

Meeting with the tourism agencies of Guam and Palau would not just strengthen ties but could potentially be beneficial to the overall tourism in Micronesia.

Marianas Visitors Authority board member Jerry Tan expressed the point at a recent board meeting, saying the recent announcement of Delta Air Lines and United Airlines about flight cuts to Guam and Palau effective January 2018 is possibly concern-

ing to both destinations.

"I've been sitting on the [MVA] board for a long time but despite many attempts we don't seem to be able to get together with the [Guam Visitors Bureau] and [Palau Visitors Authority]," Tan said.

"Guam is undergoing some problems in terms of flight reduction. I have been following Palau and last year the leadership came out to express concerns about limited resources," Tan added.

He proposed that the MVA board should meet with GVB and PVA once a year at the

very minimum.

"Guam and Palau have opportunities. We have our own opportunities but we also have our own challenges. At the end of the day, we belong to the same region. We do compete but at the same time we have a healthy and friendly competition," Tan said.

"It's not lack of trying. We did try but [it did not happen] for whatever reason. This is my proposal and we should make this possible for 2018. It would be better if we can make a commitment to do it once a year. For all we know,

this meeting to raise concerns from everyone might be beneficial to all of us," he added.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion and the rest of the board agreed.

"The dialogue among MVA, GVB, and PVA would be helpful. I understand that in the past, there have been joint meetings between MVA and GVB," said Concepcion.

MVA board member Chris Nelson said the MVA board should make it happen.

"The easiest way to do it is in Guam, especially if Palau is coming. If we do it on Rota, it

would probably get cancelled week before because of the schedules in Palau and Guam and I know we've invited Guam to Saipan before. I think

we can actually learn more going there (Guam), especially about tourism."

Concepcion said that MVA would work on the plan.

## Red ribbons signify battle vs drugs

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA  
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REPORTER

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, several students from different schools waved red ribbons along Beach Road yesterday, signifying their commitment to the fight against illegal drugs.

Students and teachers also held up banners and posters.

Shawn Anderson, the acting U.S. attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI, flew from Guam to Saipan yesterday to take part in the ribbon waving.

"It's a great campaign that... keeps kids discouraged from using drugs," said Anderson.

Anderson told *Saipan Tribune* a similar campaign is taking place in the U.S. mainland. "But I'd have to say the community here supports it more than anywhere I've seen in the mainland," said Anderson. "It's really incredible."

## Torres: We are dependent on flights

By BEA CABRERA  
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NEWS REPORTER

The CNMI as a tourist destination attracts visitors who would come if there are regular and reliable flights as there are no other means to reach the islands.

In a recent interview, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the Commonwealth is dependent on flights and that is why he is set to fly to Japan next month to assure Delta Air Lines of the special relationship the CNMI has with it.

"We are in constant communication with the president [of Delta Air Lines] and we acknowledge and appreciate all the services that Delta has done here in the CNMI. For our part, we will continue to provide additional resources and support to Delta Air to prevent them from pulling out of the CNMI," said Torres.

Delta Air Lines announced last Sept. 18 that it is pulling out its Guam-Narita service effective January 2018.

In an official statement, Delta Air Lines corporate communications department's Hiroko Okada said the demand for the Narita-Guam flights has not been strong enough to sustain the route.

Early this month, United Airlines announced it will terminate its Guam-Sapporo route effective Jan. 15, 2018, and flights from Palau to Yap will end on Jan. 7, 2018.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion said that tourism is heavily dependent on air-

lift and that this is a legitimate concern for the CNMI.

"That is why I think that flight cuts will be a really important topic that the three different authorities (MVA, Guam Visitors Bureau and Palau Visitors Authority) can discuss."

"Delta Air is pulling out of Guam. We can see that Guam especially has been getting hit pretty hard with flight reductions from Japan starting in January. So far as the CNMI and Palau are concerned, they are maintaining presence so we are okay on that front," he added.

According to Concepcion, there is a domino effect because United Airlines made the announcement that they are eliminating Sapporo-Guam flights the same time flights from Guam-Manila and Palau-Yap flights are also being eliminated starting January 2018.

"So as far as CNMI is concerned our challenge is airlift from Japan side. We are working closely with Delta Airlines

of course. We very pleased that they decided to maintain presence in the CNMI. We want additional airlifts particularly in un-served cities in Japan like Osaka and Nagoya and hopefully in the next months we can get new flights from those critical markets," he said.

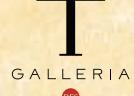
"Delta Airlines right now is concentrating on the Tokyo-Saipan flight which we are happy to help because it is the last link that the CNMI has with the Japan market," he added.

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aims to give travelers the most up-to-date information about Saipan.

Whether a tourist or a resident, Saipan Travel Guide delivers what's new and current promotions of hotels, restaurants and bars, plus activities and current island events.

The new app will help travelers and tourist plan their trip and navigate Saipan using the interactive map and directions guide.

Features of the app include:

■ Interactive guide for food, hotels, shops, events, tourist spots, entertainment, and coupons.

■ Multi-language support for English, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese.

■ Interactive map and navigation via Google maps and IOS Map integration.

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Other app features are still in development and will be announced soon.

Transcend IT Solutions is an information technology and marketing services company established in 2013 in the CNMI. (PR)

## MVA, HANMI host TripAdvisor workshop

The Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands hosted the 2017 TripAdvisor Workshop for members on Oct. 24, 2017, at Kensington Hotel Saipan, providing training on how to leverage TripAdvisor for international sales and marketing.

The morning session covered practical tips and step-by-step tutorials of how to use free tools available on TripAdvisor to promote businesses, manage reviews and drive direct bookings.

In the afternoon, there were three breakout sessions targeting hospitality, restaurants, and optional tours.

Members were able to pick and choose the most relevant session to attend.

The workshop was presented by Gary Cheng, TripAdvisor sales manager for destination marketing organizations, North Asia.

"Having an online presence and managing the customer experience online is a must in today's market," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Also, participants learned about the destination

To get the most out of this workshop, attendees were encouraged to bring their fully-charged laptops to access TripAdvisor.

"HANMI and MVA are pleased to join together in hosting this hands-on workshop for our respective members," said MVA and HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh, who welcomed attendees. "By offering practical tips on how to maintain and manage our hotels' TripAdvisor presence and reputation internationally, we can better ensure a satisfactory visit for every customer."

This workshop was free for MVA and HANMI members. (MVA)

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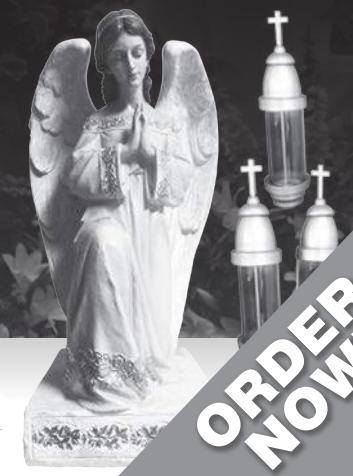


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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RAMON M. SABLAM, Decedent. Civil Action No. 17-0256 CV  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO PROBATE WILL; NOTICE TO CREDITORS Date: November 16, 2017 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO:THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE RAMON M. SABLAM OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Bank of Guam of Saipan, CNMI ("Petitioner"), has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Probate of the Will of the Estate of Ramon M. Sablan, Decedent. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Esq., whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kti, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition to Probate Will by Bank of Guam, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on November 16, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisa, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address hereinabove indicated.

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## Docomo offers prepaid card art competition for Guam and NMI

**TAMUNING, GUAM**—Docomo Pacific launched yesterday an art competition for residents in Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Docomo Pacific is inviting Marianas residents to submit entries to the “One Marianas: All of Us Together” art competition.

From now until Nov. 13, Guam and CNMI residents will get a chance to have their design featured on the new Docomo Pacific prepaid cards.

Docomo Pacific is looking for artwork by professional and/or amateur artists that showcases our unique culture and life in the Marianas. All ages may participate. Docomo Pacific will select three winners who will be awarded \$500 for their artwork.

To join, check out [artcontest.docomopacific.com](http://artcontest.docomopacific.com) and download the prepaid card template. All artwork must meet the following requirements:

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- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Artwork must be original and unpublished.
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- Photographic images will not be accepted.
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Jonathan Kriegel, Docomo Pacific president and chief executive officer, said, “Art connects us all and we hope this art competition will showcase our unique and beautiful culture. Our prepaid art competition is an exciting opportunity to celebrate local artists and their dynamic energy, talent, and skills. We encourage artists in Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to join and let their creativity shine.” (PR)

## US House honors Filipino WWII vets

### » **Filipino WWII veterans get Congressional Gold Medal**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) joined her colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday in honoring Filipino veterans for their service during World War II.

Filipino veterans of World War II were presented with the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress, in recognition of their heroism and sacrifice alongside American servicemembers.

Bordallo cosponsored the legislation in the House to honor these veterans for their service; it was enacted into law on Dec. 14, 2016.

“Filipino World War II veterans fought bravely alongside U.S. servicemembers and were instrumental to combatting enemy forces in the Pacific,” said Bordallo. “The Congressional Gold Medal they receive today honors their sacrifices and extends our country’s long overdue gratitude for their commitment to liberty and freedom. I am proud to join all Americans in recognizing Filipino World War II veterans for their courage and valor, and I hope our country never forgets the heroism they exhibited.” (PR)

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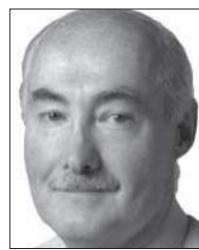
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## My personal advice for the politically perplexed

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In order to expand the readership of this column, I am flirting with a new personal advice format for a self-absorbed age. To kick off the new Ask Reggie feature, I am hoping to receive correspondence like this:

Dear Reggie,

I understand that henceforth you will be writing a personal advice column for the socially inept and romantically challenged, as those topics are much more interesting than the boring stuff you usually write.

Here is my problem: Since the presidential election, my husband and I have felt great unease with our friends at social events. Our concern is that they may have voted for the new president (I don't want to mention his name because we feel it only encourages him). As we see it, this amounted to declaring that they had lost their minds.

Of course, you-know-who trailed in the popular vote by several million ballots but somebody must have voted for him and what a blot on our social standing if word leaked out that some of these confused people were our friends. You can't be too careful these days.

Of course, I don't want to cut loose any friends just for making a monumental error of judgment. After all, we have a constitutional right to be stupid in this country and, besides, some friends owe us dinner after we invited them over to our house and they didn't invite us back.

In fact, I don't want to know how they voted. For one thing, their minds cannot be changed and regret is out of the question, no matter what folly or falsehood is perpetrated. Apparently it is a cult thing with them.

Most of all, I just want to go on pretending that our friends are smart like us. I intend to change the subject whenever politics comes up but what can we talk about safely as an alternative?

Mary from Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mary,

Your question recalls what our mothers always told us: Never discuss politics or religion in social settings. But mom never told us what to discuss instead. No doubt she was too busy yelling at dad for voting for Richard Nixon.

A further problem is that for many people today politics has become a religion, which may explain why a vengeful Almighty has allowed us to become so miserable.

Before I give my answers, I must point out that people who did vote for the man in the White House have the same feelings as you only in reverse. They want to think their friends are smart like them and not dummies like those who voted for the lady in the pants suit. They too have an interest in knowing what can be talked about safely in polite society.

Sports. That's always a safe topic and can be discussed anywhere in the country where people are at a loss for something to say. If desperate, they can ask: "How about them Toledo Mud Hens?"

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## A healthy break

Last week's column was about the relationship between sleeping and learning. I mentioned a radio-show interview with an expert on how sleep affects the brain; I had only caught part of the show and I promised to provide more information when I found it.

Well, I did find it. Here it is: The show aired on Oct. 16 as the "Fresh Air" segment of National Public Radio. NPR's Terry Gross interviewed Matthew Walker, Ph.D. A synopsis of the interview is available at [NPR.org](http://NPR.org).

Walker is the director of the Center for Human Sleep Science at the University of California, Berkeley. He's also the author of the newly-released book, *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams*. The 368-page book is published by Scribner and lists for \$27.

Now that we've tied up that loose end, we might as well take a cigarette break and stick with the health theme today. At least it will pass the time until we can start happy hour. That's not something you want to miss; I'm serving Halloween candy as today's *pupu* platter.

Oh, the candy. Yes, the candy. No, the candy.

I've been fairly good at sidestepping the sugar trap in recent years. There's no real reason for it; it's just one of those general sail-trimming gigs that we warm up to in middle age. I'm lazy at heart, so I'd rather reduce bad habits than actually pick up any good ones.

But when I encountered a favorite old brand of soda at a general store a matter of weeks ago, well, I couldn't resist. Before too long I was having one can a day.

During this span I happened to cross paths with a guy who wrote a book on, of all things, healthy eating. He gives lectures on the topic. I joked about my soda indulgence. A member of his cadre told me that a lot of people that look healthy from the outside are actually in bad shape because their livers are messed up from eating too much sugar.

So I figured I'd peruse a few books on the topic by doctors who seemed credible. Based on what I read it does seem likely that imbibing too much sugar can be a habit-forming gig that can, indeed, mess up some of our internal organs.

A little bit of candy isn't going to ruin most of us. But let's consider that having one large soda per day at a typical fast food joint can mean downing over five lbs of sugar over the course

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of one month. If I look at a 5-lb. bag of sugar, and if I contemplate the mechanisms inside me that have to process that stuff, it doesn't seem like a winning proposition.

Anyway, this gig leads to a broader riddle, namely why we'd be designed to want things that aren't good for us. That's a profound question. It's also a question that economics (my field of study in college) has never come to terms with.

In the textbook economic model of decisions and transactions, consumers are pursuing the maximization of their "hedonic" benefits. In other words, they want to be as happy as possible. That sure makes sense at first glance. After all, everybody wants to be happy. Right?

Well, not so fast.

What's missing here is the fact that indulging an impulse is one thing, but being genuinely fulfilled is something else. We've taken two different, even competing, notions, and lumped them together under broad terms such as "happy."

As for sugar, here's some logic that makes sense to me: In primitive times, when starvation was a very real threat, getting enough sugar to eat was a matter of survival. But when we're faced with a situation of constant abundance, our reflex to gobble it up becomes counter-productive. We've been dropped into a modern game but we're still running an ancient operating system.

I'm not trying to stir up worries before the holidays commence. Still, Saipan is decidedly not immune to the woes that sugar can hold. I've heard doctors and nurses bemoan this situation for a long time now. I can't fix the situation, but I can mention it sometimes. So that's just what I do.

If you're wondering if I'm going to make a pig of myself for Halloween, well, yes, of course I am. After all, I ain't no goody-goody. I just want to be a little less bad.

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## Distrust in government

**A**ppalling how the elected elite has simply clobbered more than half the local workforce here when it initiated the following:

- A. Increased their salaries by 80 percent without blinking.
- B. Ignored increases in hospital fees that went up 20-50 percent.
- C. Gave Cabinet people some 30-percent salary increase.
- D. Dumped breadcrumbs of 5 percent on civil servants.
- E. There's zero sum for private sector employees!

How could you have missed the fact that some 14,000-plus employees are still earning poverty income level and below? So your callous insensitivity is the prized trophy for half of employees here, literally drowning in the misery of poverty?

Your actions send distrust in government deeper than meets your nimble mind. Haven't you met the people you're representing whose conditions you've dealt complete negligence?

Sure, your marshland reed decision did nothing but slam families further into the depth of misery of abject poverty. Don't they deserve better days too? Whatever happened to common decency?

I've honestly taken a retreat to the quiet corner of my mind dissecting the beast. I was hoping that the aura of arrogance and negligence floating atop the hill were the figment of my imagination. Nah! It's as real as you wanted it to be! And the airheads thought, "We was born yesterday." Woe!

And so we become more distrustful of government. Like President Reagan once said, the "government is not the solution to our problems, government is the problem." Government is the problem! While ours mirrors what Reagan said, the mess you've inflicted are despicably intended to sink more than half of our hardworking folks.

**Constitutional:** There's the "out of focus" crisis that has sent the CNMI reeling for realistic answers. It includes shirking constitutional responsibilities in favor of self-picked meddlesome activities. This trend must cease forthwith!

The Indigenous Affairs Office is a constitutionally established agency of government. It is literally the advocate of the indigenous people on issues of concerns. It is tasked to do the following under Article 3, Section 23. They are:

- Coordinate the development, distribution, adoption and

translation of a comprehensive history of the Marianas.

- Ensure local participation in executive managerial decision-making in the government and private sector.
- Assist and promote local entrepreneurial development.
- Establish a community foundation for the advancement of the indigenous people.
- Coordinate the translation and distribution of such official documents as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Covenant and the analyses thereof.
- Plan for the establishment of the Indigenous Cultural Center and the Indigenous Hall of Fame.
- Coordinate an annual cultural festival.
- Develop and implement a long-range plan to assist and promote the entry of the indigenous people into professional and technical institutions of higher education.
- Serve as an advocate of positions taken by indigenous people on issues brought before them.

The IAO could step in and seek postponement of the new hospital fees until some meaningful approach is reached how to dispose of it. After all, it should be understood that the growth of the economy of 28.6 percent didn't trickle down to family pocketbooks. It has gone elsewhere! New hospital fees hit home directly!

**Ocular:** Moreover, the new fees would be harder for private sector employees who earn far less than those in government. Would not this imposition force some to stay home rather than seek healthcare when they really need it? What about those on fixed income, like retirees? No one is immune to the cost of basic goods taking to the skies!

The IAO should seek for postponement of new fees that allows implementation on a gradual basis or over a 10-year period. Family income is still woefully low. A gradual increase grants households the opportunity to slowly get used to the new fees while hopefully there's also increases in their income over the same period.

**Remember?** About eight years ago there was a dual exodus: Nippon investments just upped and left while nearly 4,000 of our own evacuated the CNMI in search of greener pastures elsewhere. The former rendered the local economy some \$12 billion poorer.

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Special to the *Saipan Tribune*



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Indigenous folks who had sniffed opportunities withering withdrew their retirement contributions and left instantly. Evacuating to new communities across the country, they found good schools, outstanding healthcare centers, and a decent place in small towns conducive for their children's growth. Home would have been a hellhole.

It makes these issues highly urgent and relevant for IAO to explore what went wrong in paradise. Indeed, opportunities have gone south, though new business infusion has placed the CNMI in some form of recovery.

It takes focus and dedication to fully figure out the beast and a sense of vision to rebuild real opportunities once more.

**Humility:** In the early '80s, I accompanied the governor and legislative leadership to Washington to justify a request for some \$60-plus million for a new hospital or what today is CHC.

At a park along the Potomac River, the thought that we didn't even have enough locally generated revenue for a hospital clipped my wings into complete humility. Yes, I was sitting in the most powerful seat of government the world over. But I couldn't imagine taking that much money from fellow Americans, some 43 million of whom are drowning in poverty.

The list of assistance didn't end with the hospital. The feds pay for food stamps, Medicaid and Medicare, in addition to other federally funded programs throughout government. I felt so small I started lamenting, "Eh, lucky I live in da kine islands!"

Anyway, Uncle Sam was generous under the agreement that includes a seven-year guaranteed funding for basic infrastructure designed to allow us gradual self-support. We made it in the mid-'90s! I know that self-government is a process, a protracted journey, until we could ably stand firm in what we generate annually.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## More public hearings

The last opinion piece I did was based on excerpts of the actual provisional language of the current bill as it is written and were just bullet points highlighting what is "prohibited" and "allowed" in the current draft bill that was adopted by the Senate on Oct. 10, 2017, as SB 20-62 SD1.

It is understood that some people probably were not able to read over 50 pages of the entire draft, at home or the hearings, and may have missed key points of the bill. So we took an approach to simply educate the people on these important areas so they will at least know how to address their concerns and recommendations at the public hearings to follow. We also extended the opportunity and handed out flyers of these bullet points to the public who were present at the Oct. 23 hearing, so they may have the convenience to be better informed of the current written language and to make their addresses to the Senate at the time, which they did.

We understand the processes of entertaining a legislative bill so we are fully aware that changes will be made only after all the public hearings take place should the Senate be convinced to do

so, based on the merits and feasibility of concerns, suggestions, and recommendations made by the public. This is just how it is done and we have no control over this process.

My opinion will not change the senators' minds on this issue. It is not my decision to make, after all. I have made suggestions since 2015 in drafting the current bill to which many of our suggestions were later changed to satisfy the concerns of others, for whatever the reasons may be. We know how the political process works in this respect, and that not all wishes will be granted. This is why we encourage the public to engage themselves in this matter as it will directly and indirectly affect everybody.

Is the current bill good enough? Yes, compared to how other legal states started with their ballot drafts. Could it be better? Yes, if proper corrections are made during the final draft process, and only after the public hearings. Could it be the best? Never, as changes in political, social, and economic trends will shift daily to making necessary amendments. We must consider the CNMI Cannabis Act as an evolutionary bill that will cater to those nec-

essary changes if we are to succeed and progress forward consistently. Think about this recommendation by a civilian: "The bill should only allow the CNMI indigenous people the opportunity for licensing in the cannabis industry."

One thing is for sure: There will be a breaking point where we all have to make up our minds and come to a compromise if we really want to see this through to the 2018 ballot. As we all can agree, time is of the essence, my friend. Have a great and blessed day.

The next public hearing will be held today, Oct. 27 on Tinian at 2pm at the Tinian courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend and participate with oral and/or written testimony. Rota public hearing is on the first week of November. We must speak now or forever hold our peace. We must engage ourselves for change to happen if we demand accessible cannabis for medical and nonmedical purposes. Unity in the community.

**Gerry Palacios Hemley**  
via email

**ADVICE**

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On second thought, the question of whether players should stand or kneel for the national anthem may come up. Better leave sports alone until the issue is forgotten.

The weather. That's something good to talk about. "Strange weather we have been having lately, eh?" Wait, better not mention the weather because somebody might bring up climate

change and you could reap a political whirlwind.

Food. If you are invited to dine at someone's home, it is perfectly acceptable to praise your hosts for the meal, even if smoke is pouring out of the stove.

However, someone may ask if salads stand in peril of being doused with more pesticides now that regulation is everywhere being reduced. And don't get anybody started on the subject of who picks the salad, i.e., poor Hispanic workers. Better not talk about food at all, as it may cause social indigestion.

Don't ask to use the bathroom either. You may think this is

a piddling concern but commentary about same-sex bathrooms may be invited.

Also, don't mention historic statues, health care or hurricane aid. Political correctness, move over for social paralysis.

Mary, there's nothing safe to say about anything, so just say nothing and pass the chips.

Could you please have an extramarital affair with the tennis pro and then write back to me? It would be easier to give advice on that.

Sincerely, Reggie

# The Weather

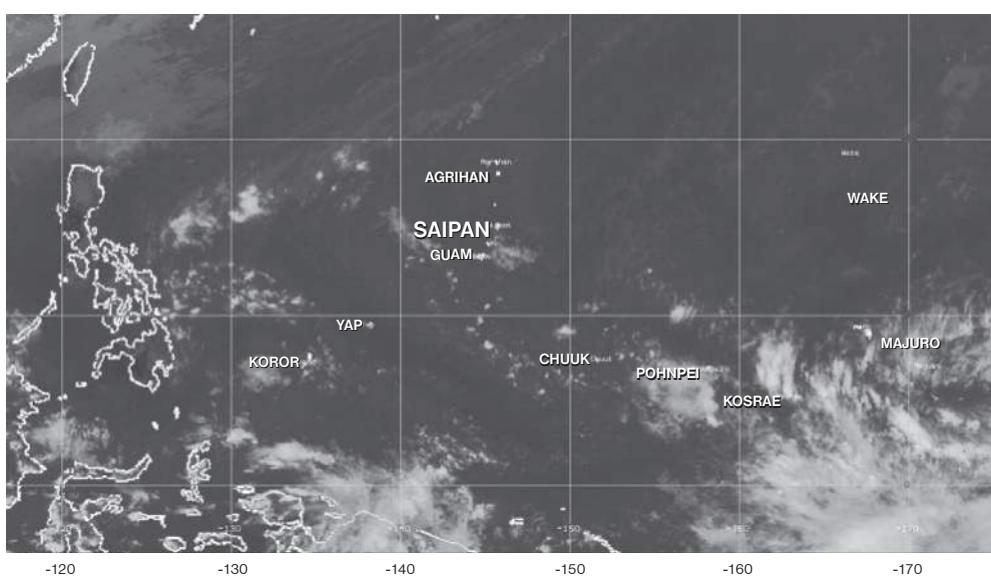
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 7:40 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Weather regime is slipping back into a trade-wind pattern of alternating troughs and ridges. Next trough looks like around Saturday, however the time height is underwhelming. Therefore no difference in the forecast at this time. This will be a time period to watch though. Sea heights are settling down, and this trend is expected to continue. Just refreshed the wind and wave grids which had the effect of extending them, then recalculated the grids dependent on these. The actual changes were pretty minimal. Post-edited some wind wave heights from 2 feet or less, making them 2 to 3 feet, based on the buoys and mention of 15 knots, in 2 forecast periods, one of which was today, where the buoys were a deciding factor.

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Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86°	/ 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85°	/ 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85°	/ 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85°	/ 80°

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Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83°	/ 72°
London	Partly Cloudy	55°	/ 45°
Los Angeles	Sunny	87°	/ 62°
Manila	Showers	88°	/ 75°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	81°	/ 63°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	79°	/ 72°
New York	Sunny	65°	/ 55°
Osaka	Showers	68°	/ 63°
Paris	Cloudy	63°	/ 45°
Busan	Sunny	70°	/ 61°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	72°	/ 55°
Salem	Sunny	76°	/ 53°
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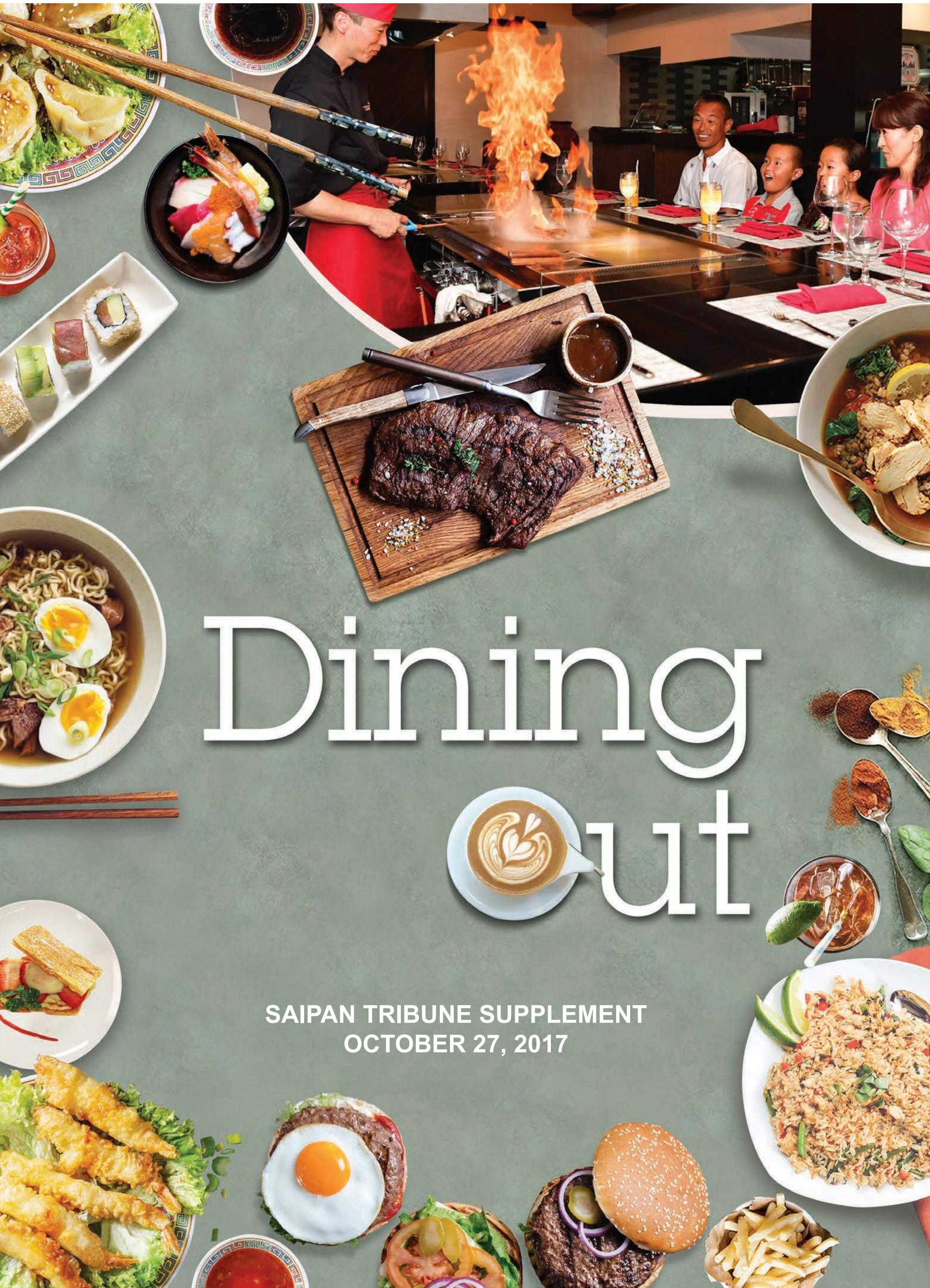
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# Dining out

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## Healthy fare for the health conscious

It is sometimes a challenge to stick to eating healthy. Fortunately, there are places on island that offer that option.

**Everest Kitchen**, Saipan's

authentic Nepalese and Mediterranean restaurant, serves healthy and traditional lentil soup, falafel, curries, hummus, and vegetable dishes.

"Everest Kitchen is my go-to place during lunch," said Steve McKagan of Tapochao. "They have lots of vegetarian options and the health benefits of Indian spice make Everest one of my favorite lunch op-

tions and it is delicious."

Everest Kitchen is open from 11am to 2pm and is located on Micro Beach Road in Garapan. Contact the restaurant at 285-0218.

**The Shack Saipan** has

crepes with the right portions of fish with vegetables (Alaska crepe) and chicken with vegetables (chicken kelaguen) as fillings.

Paula D., who is visiting from Washington, said, "The Alaska

crepe is my favorite so far, with its delicious topping and real salmon and spinach inside. The atmosphere is island friendly and everyone who works here does so in joy that seems to spread and blend with the delicious and healthy food."

Roz G., from Vancouver, Canada, said, "I instantly fell in love with the menu at The Shack. I love that they cater to many different food restrictions. Everything my family ordered was delicious. My favorite would be the local crepe. It is a crepe filled with chicken kelaguen (a chicken salad mixed with lemon, coconut flakes, and love)."

The Shack Saipan open from 8am to 2pm and is located at Oleai Beach. Contact it at 235-7422.

**Truong's Saipan** is a Vietnamese restaurant that serves dishes with the freshest ingredients. One of their popular dishes is the fried lumpia, protein-packed rolls with pork and paired with lettuce, noodles, bean sprouts, and mint.

Maria Valenzuela of San Vicente said, "When I want something light and healthy to eat, I go to Truong's and order their fried lumpia. I like the process where you wrap the lumpia filled with pork mixture in lettuce and mix it with other vegetables. It's light, healthy, and reasonably priced."

Truong's Saipan is open from 11am to 10pm and is located on Beach Road. Contact it at 670-235-8050. (**Bea Cabrera**)

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# Hyatt Regency Saipan stays ahead

Hyatt Regency Saipan is all about customer satisfaction experience and the food and beverage department of this international brand is always several steps ahead of the competition.

According executive chef Gabriele Colombo, the continuous development of Hyatt's food and beverage is high on its priority list.

"[That] is the lifeblood of our company. We always work to be ahead of the competition. ...We are always changing and moving to stay at the top by changing concepts and menus while maintaining quality," he said.

The development and changes that Saipan is cur-



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Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriele Colombo.

rently experiencing is something that excites Hyatt. "We are excited [for] the next five years and Hyatt will be go-

ing along with it as we aim to stay on top," he added.

An important global trend is having sustainable opera-



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Hyatt Regency Saipan sous chef Reiji Yoshizawa.

tions—one that Hyatt Regency Saipan is aware of. He said Hyatt aims to achieve that in three years' time. "That is the

objective of Hyatt globally."

"We are slowly doing this by getting our supplies and ingredients directly from the source,"

Colombo said. "It's a big challenge for all the chefs. We have a lot of discussions with the farmers and seafood suppliers. We are 45 percent into the goal and we will continue to work to achieve 100 percent sustainably in three years."

"The guests are getting involved, too, because they notice our efforts when they eat our food. They ask, 'Where did you get this fresh fish?' So we have to also state in the menu our source and we only get sources or vendors that grow their products sustainably and organically," he said.

Colombo is also aware of diners looking for healthier food options.

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## Must try!

Fall is the season of harvest. Fruits and produce will be in abundance and we can expect our favorite food places to surprise us with new and old flavors that will make our tummies happy. Julia Child said, "People who love to eat are always the best people." We couldn't agree more. Here is a rundown of fabulous eats around Saipan.



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"We have dishes that are gluten-free and dishes suited for vegetarians," he said.

To comply with Hyatt F&B

standards, Hyatt labels dishes like "G" for gluten-free, "V" for vegetarian, and "S" for sustainable and organic.

"We want the public to know that the Hyatt is very focused on healthy food,"

Colombo said. "Even in our buffet, we provide healthy options, which you will see during lunchtime where we serve different style of vegetarian food and gluten-free salad."

Hyatt also has a healthy balance program, with menus that inform guests of the calorie content of dishes and their ingredients.

One of the unique things about Hyatt Regency Saipan's

service is the diversity of chefs that plan and prepare the food, according to sous chef Reiji Yoshizawa.

"Our pool of chefs is diverse and multi-cultural. The advantage is, we come from different backgrounds and that means we have different specialties," said Yoshizawa. "Aside from watching trends worldwide, we always think out-of-the-box and try to create something different so we can present something new for our guests."

Besides Italian and Japanese dishes, Hyatt also features an array of culinary favorites from all over the world.

"We showcase different dishes. For our Sunday brunch, we have live stations where we serve different cuisines like Korean food, Thai food, Indian food, to name a few," said Yoshizawa.

Colombo, who assured that Hyatt focuses on authenticity, said that Italian food at Giovanni's and Japanese food at Teppanyaki and Miyako will definitely stay.

"Authenticity is what people want and what they look for," he said.

Giovanni's already has the last quarter of the year planned. The ongoing Agnolotti pasta dishes at Giovan-

ni's is ongoing until the last day of October. November is going to feature a classic Italian bone marrow dish called osso bucco and for Christmas eve, Hyatt plans to do a six-course meal to go with the season.

Colombo assured that the Christmas eve menu will be special and it will definitely make the season brighter for families.

According to Colombo, Hyatt's Teppanyaki is focused on quality and always highlights the produce of the season.

"For the last quarter, we are promoting seasonal mushroom and truffle. Chef Yoshizawa will recreate a special course menu that will incorporate mushroom and black truffle, foie gras, lobster, and prime beef."

Giovanni's is open everyday except on Monday. Dinner is served nightly, from 6pm to 9pm. Sunday brunch is from 10:30am to 2pm, while the lunch buffet happens every Friday from 11:30am to 2pm. For reservations contact 234-1234 Ext. 26 or 31.

Teppanyaki is open everyday except on Mondays and a la carte dinner is from 6pm to 9pm. For reservations contact 234-1234 Ext. 26 or 31. (*Bea Cabrera*)



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# Island vibe at the Isla Café and Isla Terrace

Your dining experience at Isla Café and Isla Terrace of Kanoa Resort will definitely bind you to the tropics.

Julie Litulumar, an F&B administrative assistant at Kanoa Resort Saipan, said that customers and guests are the foundation of their business, which is why they work hard to guarantee customer satisfaction.

"We get phenomenal feedbacks with the service that we do and this pushes us to do more," she said.

The Isla Café at the lobby of the Kanoa Resort Saipan, is open daily and features a wide variety of buffet items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Breakfast features an assortment of traditional choices (eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, oatmeal), complimented by the fresh salad bar, soup, rice, and pastries. Breakfast is served

from 7am to 10am.

Isla Café's lunch themes change daily, with Taco Tuesday being one of their most popular lunch days among Saipan locals. Home-made *masa harina* tortillas are topped with seasoned steak, chicken, or pork. Top that with guacamole or homemade *pico de gallo* and you are set for the afternoon. Lunch is served from 11am to 2pm.

For dinner, themes include Steak And Seafood Night or an International Cuisine Night. Kanoa Resort's spicy poke is offered nightly, along with sushi, sashimi, a variety of tempuras as well as ice-cold beer. Dinner is served from 6pm to 10pm.

While the action station items change from day to day, Isla Café features spicy poke, sushi, and sashimi daily, along with a local favor-

ites such as cheesecake and chocolate brownies.

At the Isla Terrace, the Kanoa Burger is hands-down the most popular and best-selling item on the menu. Stacked tall and served with French fries, the Kanoa Burger is good any time of day.

Isla Terrace is open daily from 7pm until midnight and offers a lighter *a la carte* menu with a wide variety of choices.

What makes Isla Café and Isla Terrace different is the spectacular view. In fact, many of the Isla Café patrons spill over to the Isla Terrace to enjoy the *al fresco* vibe and take in the view of the Saipan Lagoon.

"Whether you choose to dine inside or the terrace, you will find the setting at both restaurants impressive and comfortable," Litulumar said. **(Bea Cabrera)**



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# Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival commemorative mugs in

Commemorative mugs are in for the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Nov. 4, 2017.

The mugs are included in the event's \$25 entry fee. The festival is scheduled from 5pm to 11pm and will be open to adults age 21 and older (21 is the legal drinking age in the Marianas).

"Tourists are always looking for fun activities to do when visiting a destination. Many of us have traveled around the world and have attended huge beer and wine festivals and all have been enjoyable," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

He pointed out that Germany is famous for Oktoberfest, Kentucky is famous for

their bourbon festivals, Spain and France are known for their many wine and champagne festivals, and Mexico and the Caribbean are renowned for their tequila and rum festivals.

"We want to bring these types of international events to the Marianas with our first ever beer and wine festival with a focus on local brews produced by Saipan Brewing Co. and other craft beers available from other local distributors," said Concepcion.

Taiwan's famous Fourplay Bar will also debut exclusive beer cocktails themed after each main island in the Marianas: Saipan Blue, Tinian Red, and Rota Green.

"The people of the CNMI know that if it's an MVA signa-

ture event, it'll be lots of fun, so we invite everyone to join us on Nov. 4," said Concepcion.

The entry fee also includes two beer or wine samples, three wine full servings, one free chaser, and a commemorative silicone wristband.

Slated to participate are Saipan Brewing Co., which manufactures the only locally brewed beer in the Marianas, as well as six companies that distribute craft beers: Pacific Trading Co., MARPAC, Franken Brau, Westco, I Love Saipan, and Samcorp Import.

Joeten Enterprises, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, and Skywalker Communications have all stepped forward as major sponsors of the event. Sponsorship levels



MVA Community Projects specialist Valencia Tenorio, left, and Lynn Sablan display commemorative mugs that are included in the \$25 entry fee for the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Nov. 4, 2017, at Garapan Fishing Base. The festival is the newest signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority. MVA

are Platinum (\$3,000), Gold (\$2,000), Silver (\$1,000), and Bronze (\$500).

Marvin Guerrero, James Selepeo, Uprooted, Tom Basa and Mango Session will add flavor to the festival, which will pair Marianas brews with

island-style barbecue and other appetizers beside the Saipan lagoon at Garapan Fishing Base.

Joining the event as food sponsors are Holy Smoke, The Hut, I Love Saipan Manne' BBQ, and Aiko's. Outside alco-

hol and food is not allowed.

For more information or a sponsorship package, contact Community Projects specialist Ray Villagomez of the MVA at 664-3200/1 or [\(MVA\)](mailto:rvillagomez@mymarianas.com).



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**ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN**

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Marianas High School teachers, staff, and students pose with their banner in celebration of Anti-Drug Awareness Month.

## United offers boarding passes for partner airlines via its mobile app

**GUAM**—United Airlines announced yesterday a new enhancement to the United app that will allow customers to receive boarding passes when connecting to 19 airline partners on their smartphones, a feature that no other U.S. carrier currently offers.

### » United Airlines customers able to access boarding passes for 19 airlines on the United app

This functionality will be available for customers traveling on United who are making an onward connection on another carrier and will improve the functionality of United's award-winning app, which is relied on over 500 million times a year by customers.

"As we continue to make improvements to the United app, we found that simply allowing our customers to access boarding passes for their entire itinerary within the same app made a big difference," said Kate Gebo, chief customer officer at United.

"Our partnerships with Star Alliance carriers and other partner airlines can take our customers to over a thousand destinations around the world, and we're excited to be the first U.S. carrier to provide customers with this convenience when connecting to partners."

The following airline partners' boarding passes are now accessible through the United app, with more partners to be added in the near future:

Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air New Zealand, AN, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Azul Brazilian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Cape Air, Croatia Airlines, EVA Airways, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, SWISS, Thai Airways, and Turkish Airlines.

Through its partnerships with other airlines, United is able to connect customers to approximately 1,300 destinations around the world. Customers can book flights on United's partners, as well as earn and redeem United MileagePlus miles on its partner airlines through the United app. (PR)

## 60 lbs of meth seized in 2017 in Guam

**HAGATNA, Guam (AP)**—A U.S. Postal Service official says inspectors so far this year have intercepted at least 60 pounds (27 kilograms) of methamphetamine mailed to Guam.

The Pacific Daily News reports that Kevin Rho, assistant inspector with the Postal Service, says the amount of meth sent to Guam through the mail has increased during the past 10 years.

Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio said

the cost of methamphetamine in the mainland is considerably less than what it is selling for on Guam.

Rho estimated a gram of meth in California sold for between \$60 to \$80, while Customs officials say a gram on Guam is estimated to cost between \$200 and \$400.

Rho said investigations are ongoing in connection with the confiscated drugs and arrests are pending.

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# Business

## Trump, GOP at odds over using 401(k)s to pay for tax cuts

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump and Republicans were at odds on Wednesday over changing the 401(k) retirement program to help finance tax cuts, with the president insisting the middle-class favorite will remain untouched and lawmakers open to revisions.

Rep. Kevin Brady, the chairman of the House's tax-writing panel, wouldn't rule out changes to the program used by 55 million U.S. workers who hold some \$5 trillion in their 401(k) accounts, a system that has become a touchstone of retirement security for the middle class.

Earlier this week, Trump promised the program would be left alone, and appeared to bolster that pledge Wednesday, saying he moved swiftly to end speculation that the tax-deferred program may be changed because it's vital for working Americans.

But he went on to muddy the waters, when asked about Brady's statements hours earlier.

"Maybe it is, and maybe we'll use that as negotiating," Trump said during an impromptu news conference as he left the White House for a trip to Texas. "But trust me ... there are certain elements of deals you don't want to negotiate with ... and Kevin knows it, and I think Kevin Brady is fantastic, but he knows how important 401(k)s are."

Brady, head of the House Ways and Means Committee, said earlier Wednesday he's discussing the issue with Trump, who had shot down the possibility of changes on Monday.

And a senior Republican senator signaled he'd vote for a tax bill even if it crimped 401(k) tax benefits.

The nearly \$6 trillion GOP plan calls for steep tax cuts for corporations and promised

reductions for middle-income taxpayers, a doubling of the standard deduction used by most Americans, shrinking the number of tax brackets from seven to three or four, and the repeal of inheritance taxes on multimillion-dollar estates. The child tax credit would be increased and the tax system would be simplified.

Crucial details of the plan have yet to be worked out.

An Associated Press-NORC poll released Wednes-

day found most Americans saying Trump's tax plan would benefit the wealthy and corporations, and less than half believing his message that "massive tax cuts" would help middle-class workers.

With Republican leaders battling to show themselves as true standard bearers for the middle class, eyeing next year's midterm elections that are deemed essential to retaining their majority, the 401(k) issue has become a flashpoint. GOP law-

makers have been considering changes to the 401(k) structure, such as limiting the amount of tax-deferred contributions employees can make, as a way to help finance tax cuts.

Asked whether the retirement savings program was still a possible target, Brady said, "We're working very closely with the president."

"We think, in tax reform, we can create incentives for Americans to save more and save sooner, which can help

them," Brady told reporters at a Christian Science Monitor breakfast. "So we are exploring a number of ideas in those areas. ... We are continuing discussions with the president, all focused on saving more, saving sooner."

Brady's counterpart in the Senate, Republican Orrin Hatch of Utah, also indicated that possible changes to 401(k)s remain on the table. "I'm open to looking at anything," he said.

## New screenings to start for all US-bound airline passengers

### DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)

All incoming flights to the United States will be subject to new security screening procedures before takeoff, including both American citizens and foreigners possibly facing security interviews from airline employees, the U.S. government said Wednesday.

Both American air carriers and global airlines must comply, affecting all the 2,100 flights from around the world entering the U.S. on any given day. The directive is far broader than an earlier Trump administration ban on laptops inside the cabins of some airliners, which only targeted 10 Mideast cities and their airlines.

Confusion greeted the new rules. While five global long-haul carriers said they would begin the new security interviews on Thursday, each offered different descrip-

tions of how the procedure would take place, ranging from a form travelers would be required to fill out to being verbally quizzed by an airline employee. Other carriers insisted their operations remained the same.

"The security measures affect all individuals, international passengers and U.S. citizens, traveling to the United States from a last point of departure international location," said Lisa Farbstein, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Transportation Security Administration. "These new measures will impact all flights from airports that serve as last points of departure locations to the United States."

The new rules come at the end of a 120-day window for new U.S. safety regulations to be implemented following the lifting of the laptop ban imposed on some Mideast airlines.

They include "heightened screening of personal electronic devices" and stricter security procedures around planes and in airport terminals, Farbstein said. She did not elaborate.

Details of the new rules first became apparent in a statement by Dubai-based Emirates, which operates the world's busiest airport for international travel.

In the statement, Emirates said it would begin carrying out "pre-screening interviews" at its check-in counters for passengers flying out of Dubai and at boarding gates for transit and transfer fliers. It urged those flying through Dubai International Airport to allow extra time for flight check-in and boarding.

"These measures will work in complement with the current additional screening measures conducted at the boarding gate," it said.

Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. said on its website that it had suspended self-drop baggage and downtown check-in services for passengers heading to the U.S., who "will be subject to a short security interview" when checking their luggage. Those without bags would have a similar interview at their gates. Singapore Airlines passengers may be required to "undergo enhanced security measures" including inspection of personal electronic devices "as well as security questioning during check-in and boarding," it said on its website.

Air France said it would begin the new security interviews on Thursday at Paris Orly Airport and a week later, on Nov. 2, at Charles de Gaulle Airport. It said the extra screening would take the form of a questionnaire handed to all passengers.

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**2018-CDA-01-RFP**

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**Architectural/Engineering Services**

The scope of work may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, located on the 2nd floor, CDA Building, Oleai, Saipan, during regular working hours.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/s/ MANUEL A. SABLÁN  
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLÁN  
Director, P&S

**MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION & PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FY 2016 AND 2017**  
**MPLT RFP 17-02**

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Preparation & Publication of Annual Reports for MPLT for each fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Copy of the RFP is available @ [www.mplt.gov.mp](http://www.mplt.gov.mp) or may be pick-up at MPLT, 1222 Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950.

Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday

Contact Barbara Reyes at (670) 322-4401/4402 or email: [mplt@mplt.gov.mp](mailto:mplt@mplt.gov.mp) for more information.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**  
**4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

**PLACE:**  
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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission's Conference Room located in San Jose Village on Tinian.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (September 27, 2017)

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IV. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Airport Layout Plan
2. CPA-Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Settlement Agreement
3. Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Car Rental Renovation - Change Order No. 1

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/  
JOSE R. LIFOFOI  
Chairman, Board of Directors

October 26, 2017

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS**

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FOR  
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES  
FOR THE  
BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
TERMINAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-003-17**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for the project including onsite assessment, survey, possible exploratory investigation and preparation of design plans and specifications to improve or replace the drainage system at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at (670) 237-6500, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (30 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to airport projects – (30 points);
3. Local proficiency in performing A/E services promptly, on time and within proposed schedule – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made therefrom, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: September 26, 2017

# Nation

## Trump says Clinton team funding for Russia info ‘a disgrace’

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans latched onto revelations tying Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign to a dossier of allegations about his ties to Russia. The president said Wednesday it was a “disgrace” that Democrats had helped pay for research that produced the document.

“It’s just really—it’s a very sad commentary on politics in this country,” Trump said in addressing reporters one day after news reports revealed that the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee, for several months last year, helped fund research that ultimately ended up in the dossier.

The document, compiled by a former British spy and alleging a compromised relationship between Trump and the Kremlin, has emerged this year as a political flashpoint.

Trump has derided the document as “phony stuff” and “fake news” and portrayed himself Wednesday as an aggrieved party, posting on Twitter a quote he said was from Fox News that referred to him as “the victim.” The new disclosure about the dossier’s origins is likely to fuel complaints by Trump and his supporters that the document is merely a collection of salacious and uncorroborated claims.

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## States lose push to force Trump to restart health subsidies

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—A U.S. judge on Wednesday rejected a request from 18 states and the District of Columbia to force the Trump administration to resume paying “Obamacare” subsidies right away and scolded the coalition for claiming health care costs would rise without federal help.

State attorneys general, all Democrats and led by Xavier Becerra of California, argued that the monthly payments are required under former President Barack Obama’s health care law and cutting them off will harm consumers. The payments reimburse insurers for providing lower-income people with discounts on out-of-pocket costs.

U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria, an Obama appointee, said the states had devised workarounds to the lost subsidies that would give millions of lower-income people even better health care options.

That means the emergency order the states sought would be “counterproductive,” the judge said.

The states should stop “yelling about higher premiums” and “focus instead on communicating the message that they have devised a response

... that will prevent harm to the large majority of people while in fact allowing millions of lower-income people to get a better deal on health insurance in 2018,” Chhabria said.

The states had asked

law enforcement officials have worked to corroborate its claims. James Comey, FBI director at the time, advised Trump about the existence of the allegations, and the ex-spy who helped assemble the document, Christopher Steele, has been questioned as part of an ongoing probe into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump camp.

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“Well, I think it’s very sad what they’ve done with this

fake dossier,” Trump said Wednesday, adding without elaboration that “they paid a tremendous amount of money.” He contended that Democrats had initially denied any connection to the document, but now, “they admitted it, and they’re embarrassed by it.”

Separately Wednesday, the editor of WikiLeaks confirmed that his group was approached by Cambridge Analytica, a data firm work-

ing for Trump’s campaign during the 2016 election.

Julian Assange told The Associated Press that WikiLeaks received a “request for information” from Cambridge Analytica. That request, which Assange would not specify, came prior to last November and was rejected. Assange’s comments came after The Daily Beast reported that Cambridge Analytica CEO Alexander Nix reached out to

Assange during the presidential campaign about the possible release of 33,000 of Hillary Clinton’s missing emails. Those emails have never been publicly released.

A spokesman for Cambridge Analytica did not respond to a request for comment. Robert Mercer, a billionaire Trump supporter, is a backer of Cambridge Analytica. Former White House strategist Steve Bannon served as a vice presi-

dent at the company before joining the administration.

Two people familiar with the newly disclosed dossier matter, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss confidential client matters, told AP the funding arrangement was brokered in the spring of 2016 by a law firm representing the Clinton campaign and the DNC and that it lasted until right before Election Day.



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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of October 27, 2017

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Commonwealth Council For Arts & Culture	10/02/2017 SSm-2018-X-001	Traditional Canoe House	Civic Center Beach Park, Susupe	Shorelines	Approved-10/16/2017
2. D.T.C. Saipan	10/05/2017 SSm-2018-X-002	Filming & Photography	Saipan	Shoreline	Withdrawn*
3. Jack Zhang (Zhong Shi Tang) dba Tai Su International Development, Inc.	10/10/2017 SCH-2018-X-004	Land Clearing	Beach Road-Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved-10/11/2017
4. James Davies dba Jungle Jim Island Adventures	10/11/2017 STRlRm-2018-X-005	Marine Sports-New Snorkel Operation	All Dive Sites, Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-10/18/2017
4. Ocean Tour Corporation	10/12/2017 SLRm-2018-X-006	Marine Sports-New Snorkeling Operation	All Dive Sites	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-10/18/2017
5. Saipan Tours-Private Tours	10/12/2017 SLRm-2018-X-007	Marine Sports-New Snorkeling Operation	All Dive Sites	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-10/18/2017
6. Yenny Tom dba Marianas Management Corp.	10/12/2017 SMS-2018-X-008	Gualo Rai Office Park	Gualo Rai	Major Siting	Under Review*
7. Marianas Visitors Authority	10/17/2017 SSm-2018-X-009	Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival	Garapan Fishing Base	Shorelines	Approved-10/20/2017
8. Saipan Alliance Lion's Club	10/17/2017 SSm-2018-X-010	Placement Of Public Use Benches	Beach Road Garapan to Oleai	Shorelines	Approved-10/18/2017
9. Hui Tao Tsang	10/19/2017 SMS-2018-X-011	Royal View Hotel	Garapan	Major Siting	Under Review*
10. David & Marlyn P. Dougherty	09/29/2017 SSCH-2017-X-112	Demolition of existing 2 story building	Garapan (Formerly CNMI Personnel Office)	Shorelines	Approved-10/18/2017
11. Sakura CNMI Corporation dba Sakura Marine Sports	10/17/2017 SLR-2015-X-016	Marine Sports-Renewal Jetski Operation	Fiesta Resort, Garapan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-10/18/2017
12. CNMI Public School System	10/19/2017 SSW-2018-X-012	Revegetation of Mangroves and Outreach	Tanapag Elementary School	Wetland & Mangroves	Under Review*
13. Zheng Chen Corporation Wasai Diving	10/20/2017 SCUBA Operation	Marine Sports-New	Lower Navy Hill	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-10/25/2017
14. Saipan Globe International Group Limited dba Saipan Globe Hotel	5/5/2017 SMS-2017-X-055	Construction of Saipan Globe Hotel	San Roque	Major Siting	Approved-9/13/2017
15. Bridge Investment Group, LLC.	6/2/2017 TMS-2017-X-067	Construction of Tinian Commercial Terminal Building	San Jose, Tinian	Major Siting	Approved-10/25/2017
16. Department of Land and Natural Resources	10/24/2017 RLRm-2017-X-a 1024	Floating Dock	East Harbor Marina, Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
17. Department of Land and Natural Resources	10/26/2017 RLRm-2017-X-a 1026	Giant Clam Cultivation	Teweksberry Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

NMICAC § 15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major siting's. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

# Asia

## Draft UN resolution would condemn attacks on Rohingyas

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—Britain has circulated a draft U.N. resolution that would condemn violence that has sent more than 600,000 Rohingya Muslims fleeing from Myanmar to Bangladesh and call on Myanmar's government to immediately halt military operations in Rakhine state.

If adopted by the Security Council, the resolution would be the first in many years on Myanmar. But diplomats say it faces opposition from China, a neighbor and ally of the country formerly known as Burma which is shifting from decades of military rule toward democracy.

The draft, which was sent to members of the Security Council and obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, also condemns the attacks by Rohingya rebels on Aug. 25 that sparked the violence.

But its focus is on the plight of the Rohingyas in Myanmar and in Bangladesh, which has been praised for its humanitarian response.

The proposed resolution expresses grave concern at accounts that Myanmar security forces and vigilantes have used disproportionate force, systematic destruction of property and sexual violence against the Rohingya community in Rakhine.

The Rohingya face official and social discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar. The government doesn't recognize Rohingya as an ethnic group, instead insisting they are Bengali migrants from Bangladesh living illegally in the country, and it has denied them citizenship.

The latest violence began



U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR, Italian Filippo Grandi, right, next to U.S. William Lacy Swing, left, Director General of the International Organization for Migration, IOM, speaks to the media, during a press briefing after the Pledging Conference for the Rohingya Refugee Crisis, at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, Oct. 23, 2017. AP

with a series of attacks Aug. 25 by Rohingya insurgents. Myanmar security forces responded with a scorched-earth campaign against Rohingya villages in northern Rakhine that the United Nations and human rights groups have criticized as disproportionate and a campaign of ethnic cleansing.

The draft resolution calls on Myanmar's government to address the root causes of the crisis by respecting human rights, "without discrimination and regardless of ethnicity or religious affiliation, in-

cluding by allowing freedom of movement, equal access to basic services and equal access to full citizenship for individuals belonging to the Rohingya community."

The U.N. independent investigator on human rights in Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, told the General Assembly's human rights committee Wednesday afternoon that while Myanmar's military controls national security and law and order, "there is much that can be done by the civilian government," which is led by Nobel Peace laure-

ate Aung San Suu Kyi.

Lee said this should start with "public messaging that embraces the entire makeup of the Myanmar population." The government should use its majority in parliament to strike down laws that discriminate "to show that all groups in Myanmar have equal rights," she said.

The draft resolution welcomes Myanmar's "public commitment that it will accept the return of all displaced people and refugees" and calls on its government to work with Bangladesh and the U.N. to

"expedite" the voluntary and safe return of all refugees to their homes in Myanmar.

But Lee said she is concerned that "only a fraction" of the refugees in Bangladesh will be allowed back.

"The Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar—who have had their food supply blocked and been starving, been shot at while fleeing,

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Jacinda Ardern is sworn in as New Zealand prime minister

**WELLINGTON**, New Zealand (AP)—Jacinda Ardern was sworn in as New Zealand prime minister on Thursday and said she will lead a government that's active, focused, empathetic and strong. Ardern and other senior lawmakers attended the ceremony in Wellington and took their oaths before Patsy Reddy, the governor-general. They then greeted several hundred well-wishers in front of the parliament.

"I want to start by saying it is an enormous privilege and an honor to stand with these wonderful people here in front of you today, in front of your house with your government," Ardern told the crowd.

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But he was also genuinely respected for his development projects, personal modesty and as a symbol of stability in a nation frequently rocked by political turmoil, though his influence waned in his final years.

The funeral is by design an intensely somber event, but also rich in history and cultural and spiritual tradition.

walked for weeks to reach safety, lost family members on the way to refuge, and are now living in plastic sheets—should not be made to meet with stringent requirements if they so wish to return to Myanmar," she said.

Lee also said it is "unreasonable and unacceptable" that the government is insisting that the U.N. refugee agency and the International Organization of Migration be excluded from discussions on repatriating the Rohingya.

The proposed resolution expresses deep concern at the severely limited humanitarian access to Rakhine. It calls on Myanmar's government "to grant immediate, safe and unhindered access to U.N. agencies," their partners and other aid groups.

It urges the government to grant "unfettered access" to the U.N. Human Rights Council's fact-finding mission. And it calls for "swift and transparent investigations into allegations of human rights abuses and violations."

The draft welcomes the government's commitment to implement recommendations of a commission chaired by former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan calling for economic development and social justice to counter the deadly violence. It urges all parts of the government to implement the recommendations "swiftly and in full."

#### Airport videos show the 4 men also suspected in Kim murder

**SHAH ALAM, Malaysia** (AP)—Prosecutors have shown Malaysian airport security videos detailing the movements of four men suspected along with two women on trial of having the intent to kill the estranged brother of North Korea's leader. Police chief investigating officer Wan Azirul Nizam Che Wan Aziz told the court Thursday that security footage from the Kuala Lumpur airport showed the four men before and after the attack on Kim Jong Nam on Feb. 13. He said his investigation showed the suspect known as Hanamori, or Grandpa or Uncle, was the mastermind. Hanamori was the first to arrive at the airport and met separately with each of the other men before the attack. After the women rubbed VX nerve agent on Kim's face, three of the men traveled in one vehicle between airport terminals.

## Thailand grieves in elaborate final goodbye to King Bhumibol

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Grieving Thais clad in black mourned on Bangkok's streets or at viewing areas around the nation Thursday as elaborate funeral ceremonies were held for King Bhumibol Adulyadej followed a year of mourning.

Three separate and intensely solemn processions involving the current king, thousands of troops, a golden palanquin, a chariot and a royal gun carriage were moving a ceremonial urn representing Bhumibol's remains from the Dusit Maha Prasad Throne Hall to the newly built crematorium. The journey along a 2-kilometer (1.2-mile) route will take at least three hours and is being watched by tens of thousands of mourners dressed all in black and is being broadcast on most Thai TV stations and could be seen at dozens

of designated viewing areas across the country.

Before dawn, 63-year-old Somnuk Yonsam-Ar sat on a paper mat in a crowd opposite the Grand Palace in Bangkok. Her granddaughter slept in her lap and her husband rested his head against a metal barrier. The family came from the coastal province of Rayong, where they run a food stall.

Somnak waved a fan to cool herself but said she was not tired.

"I feel blessed to be able to sit here, and be part of this," she said. "It's an important day for us."

The funeral for Bhumibol will take place over five days and began Wednesday with his son, King Maha Vajiralongkorn, performing Buddhist merit-making rites before chanting monks

inspired was fostered by palace courtiers who worked to rebuild the prestige of a monarchy that lost its mystique and power when a 1932 coup ended centuries of absolute rule by Thai kings.

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The adulation Bhumibol

# World

## Clerical sex abuse disclosures skyrocket in pope's Argentina

**CASEROS, Argentina**

(AP)—Karen Maydana says she was 9 years old when the Rev. Carlos Jose fondled her at a church pew facing the altar. It was her first confession ahead of her first Holy Communion.

She blames the trauma of that moment in 2004 for a teenage suicide attempt. And yet she never spoke about it publicly until this year. After hearing that two women who attended her school in the Argentine town of Caseros were allegedly abused by the same priest, she joined them as complainants in a case that in July led to his arrest for investigation of aggravated sexual abuse.

"Unfortunately, there are many of us. But speaking about it now also gives you strength to carry on," Maydana, 22, said. "I have a 9-year-old niece who's receiving her Communion this year, and this is not going to happen to her."

The allegations are part of a growing trend: While Pope Francis struggles to make good



People chant slogans against Argentine lawmaker Julio de Vido outside his apartment in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017. AP

on his "zero tolerance" pledge to fight clerical sex abuse worldwide, victims in his native Argentina are denouncing

abuses in unprecedented numbers. An analysis by The Associated Press shows that the number of clerics publicly identified as alleged sexual abusers has increased dramatically in the last two years.

Experts attribute the spike to a cultural shift as victims feel more emboldened to denounce abuse, prosecutors are more inclined to investigate complaints of even decades-old abuse, the media are increasingly aggressive

about reporting them and courts are willing to hand down stiff sentences.

"It's a domino effect," said Anne Barrett Doyle, co-director of BishopAccountability.org, a U.S.-based group that compiles a clergy abuse database.

In the U.S., confidential files on hundreds of pedophile priests have been released either through civil litigation, settlements or court order. The contents have revealed that top church officials worked be-

hind the scenes to control the sex abuse scandal and keep it from authorities as well as parishioners.

"What is really remarkable here is that the survivors in Argentina don't have the same powerful legal tools that we see in other countries," Barrett Doyle said. "And yet, we're still seeing the significant increase in cases."

The AP compiled a list of 66 priests, nuns and brothers who have been accused since 2001

## Kenya holds new presidential election amid call for boycott

**NAIROBI, Kenya** (AP)—Some polling stations in Kenyan opposition areas did not open on Thursday after the start of Kenya's second presidential election since August, reflecting the main opposition leader's call for his followers to boycott the vote in the bitterly divided East African country.

Police fired tear gas in clashes with opposition supporters in Kibera, a Nairobi slum.

Voting, meanwhile, proceeded in areas where President Uhuru Kenyatta has support, but fewer voters were turning out in comparison to an Aug. 8 election that the Supreme Court nullified because it found illegalities and irregularities in the election process.

Voters lined up before dawn at a polling station in Kenyatta's hometown of Gatundu and electoral workers prepared ballot papers by flashlight after heavy rains knocked out power to the site. Downpours also disrupted the delivery of ballot papers in Kenya's Kitui area, according to local media.

President Uhuru Kenyatta, who was declared the winner in the August vote, said in a televised address on Wednesday that security forces would be deployed nationwide to ensure order, and he urged Kenyans to vote while respecting the rights of those who don't. Opposition leader Raila

## Brazil's Temer survives corruption vote, but can he lead?

**BRASILIA, Brazil** (AP)—President Michel Temer may have saved his job by convincing a small majority in Brazil's Congress not to suspend him and put him on trial for corruption, but his scandal-rocked government appears more weakened than ever.

The vote late Wednesday marked the second time in three months that Temer survived a legislative vote that could have suspended him for a trial, but analysts said he has spent so much political capital it raises the specter of a lame duck administration unable to enact a proposed overhaul of pensions and work rules aimed at reviving Brazil's economy.

"Major structural reforms, such as social security reform, tax reform, further movement on labor, I think those are dead in the water in large part because Temer doesn't have a whole lot of political capital and legislators have very little incentive after this vote to cooperate," said Matthew M. Taylor, a professor at the School of International

Service at American University and a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

The 77-year-old Temer spent recent weeks shoring up support, doling out local projects, plum positions and favorable decrees in a successful bid to avoid being put on trial for charges of obstruction of justice and leading a criminal organization. He needed backing from at least a third of the 513 deputies in the Chamber of Deputies—or 171 votes. He easily passed that mark with 251 votes for him, 233 against and the rest abstentions or absences.

"This accusation is fragile, inept and worse than the first one," legislator Celso Russomanno said while voting in favor of the president.

Earlier in the day, Temer was hospitalized briefly for a urinary obstruction, but emerged smiling and flashing two thumbs up.

But the president didn't get



as much support as he did in an August vote on separate bribery charge, when 263 lawmakers voted in his favor.

In both cases, the number of supporters fell well below the 308 votes, or

three-fifths of the chamber, that he would need to pass his big proposals, such as a revamp of the pension system that he says would help boost the economy. Latin America's largest economy is struggling to recover from a deep recession that has led to high unemployment and pushed millions into poverty.

The opposition blasted Temer, whose approval ratings have dropped to single-digits.

"I vote with more than 90 percent of Brazilians who have already convicted Temer's corrupted administration," said lawmaker Luiza Erundina.

Beyond criminal accusations against Temer and scandals involving several of his

Cabinet ministers, many Brazilians feel the administration lacks legitimacy because of how he came to power. Temer, then vice president, took over last year after President Dilma Rousseff was impeached and removed from office. His term runs until Dec. 31, 2018.

For several hours Wednesday, many opposition lawmakers refused to enter the chamber, hoping to deny the necessary quorum and delay the vote into the night, when presumably more Brazilians are watching television. Many stations carried the vote live, forcing deputies to decide whether to publicly support a deeply unpopular leader with elections looming next year. All 513 seats will be up for grabs.

The charges against Temer stem from a mammoth corruption investigation that began as a probe into money laundering and ended up uncovering systemic graft in Brazil's halls of power. Dozens of politicians and businessmen have been jailed since the probe launched in 2014.

# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Absent-minded shopper takes cart with baby, causing lockdown

**PORTRLAND, Maine** (AP)—Police say an absent-minded shopper at a Maine grocery store took somebody else's cart with a sleeping baby inside, causing a lockdown and a police investigation. Portland police say the shopper was mortified when he realized his mistake but didn't bother to alert anyone on Friday. Instead, the shopper left the cart in another part of the store and retrieved his own cart. Police say store video backs up his claim. Police Chief Michael Sauschuck says grocery store staff quickly locked down the store. Police determined the conduct didn't warrant criminal charges. The baby was restrained in a car seat and slept through the entire scare.

### Canadian man fined for singing '90s dance tune in car

**MONTREAL** (AP)—A Canadian man's decision to belt out a 1990s dance hit while inside his car has landed him a \$149 ticket for being too loud in public. But Taoufik Moalla said Monday he'll fight the ticket and denies his singing was as deafening as authorities claim. Moalla says he was happily singing along with the windows mostly rolled up to C+C Music Factory's "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)," which neared the top of the Billboard chart in 1991, when he was stopped. He says he initially thought Montreal police wanted him to move out of their way. He was asked if he was yelling and he said no. One of the officers walked away and returned with the fine for screaming in a public place.

### Candidate shocked his jet hijacking attempt not bigger issue

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A New York City mayoral candidate says he's "shocked" that so little attention has been paid to his arrest for trying to hijack an airliner at gunpoint 17 years ago. In July 2000, Aaron Commye boarded a National Airlines plane in New York and ordered the pilots to fly to Argentina or Antarctica. It never took off and nobody was injured. He was acquitted by reason of insanity in 2003 and was released from a prison medical facility in 2015. The Libertarian candidate tells the news magazine City & State New York that it's reasonable for voters to wonder if he's suited for office. He says he has fully recovered and is "committed to nonviolence."

### Germany: Couple backs off plan to call baby Lucifer

**BERLIN** (AP)—A baby in Germany won't be named Lucifer after authorities intervened. A registrar in the central city of Kassel sought clarification from the local district court after a couple sought to give their son the name. Court official Matthias Grund told news agency dpa Wednesday that the registrar suspected the name could endanger the child's well-being. The parents, who were not identified, were persuaded to relent during a closed-door hearing at the local court and decided to call their son Lucian instead. That saved the court from having to decide whether Lucifer was acceptable. Authorities in Germany can decide not to accept names for children though there is no outright ban on any specific names.

### Hippo hooray! Zoo's Fiona watches as couple gets engaged

**CINCINNATI** (AP)—The Cincinnati Zoo's popular baby hippo, Fiona, has drawn a lot of love but perhaps none quite like this moment: From her exhibit, she got a front-row seat to a wedding proposal between two of her fans. A snapshot shared on Instagram shows the hippo underwater with her face near the glass, watching as Nick Kelble got down on one knee in front of her with a ring box for his smiling girlfriend, Hayley Roll. Roll accepted the proposal and shared the photos earlier this month, noting that she and her fiance are glad the hippo was part of their special day. Fiona was born premature in January, weighing only about 29 pounds (13 kilograms). She overcame early health scares and now weighs more than 500 pounds (227 kilograms).

### Man hiding from police calls for help after getting stuck

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—Authorities say a Utah man who was hiding from police and fled arrest had to call 911 to be rescued after getting stuck in his hiding spot. Salt Lake City police say 46-year-old Shane Paul Owen called dispatchers for help on Tuesday, more than six hours after he accidentally locked himself in a church's boiler room. Officers were looking for Owens on Monday because he is a suspect in a string of burglaries and had warrants out for his arrest. Police say an officer spotted him and attempted to pull his vehicle over, but Owen fled, got out of his car and ran into the church. A SWAT team held a standoff at the church until Owens called

to be rescued.

### Police post 'pumpkin lineup' after recovering stolen squash

**MARYLAND HEIGHTS**, Mo. (AP)—Police who caught three teenagers orange-handed with 48 stolen pumpkins—and one gourd—are asking residents of a St. Louis suburb to view a "pumpkin lineup" online to see if their Halloween squash are among those recovered. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that pumpkins began vanishing last week from subdivisions of Maryland Heights. Police quickly tracked down the boys and their pumpkin-crammed SUV that Capt. Scott Will says was "top-to-bottom orange." The next day, officers snapped a picture of the abducted decor and posted it to Facebook. Will says police have been "inundated" with people coming to track down their Halloween pumpkins. About a dozen remained unclaimed Tuesday. None are carved.

### Runaway garbage truck hits store named A Beautiful Mess

**HENRIETTA, N.Y.** (AP)—A runaway garbage truck has slammed into the front of a New York gift shop named A Beautiful Mess, causing extensive damage. Owner Jeri Flack says he received a call from police on Monday informing her that a garbage truck rolled away from a gas station in Henrietta, traveled across the street and crashed into Flack's retail store. WHAM-TV reports that gas station workers say the truck driver parked there to use the bathroom and the truck had rolled away by the time he returned. No one was injured, but the truck's impact caused serious structural damage to the 200-year-old brick building.

### University president's hot sauces benefit scholarship fun

**GLASSBORO, N.J.** (AP)—The president of a New Jersey university is using his culinary skills and his hot sauces to help raise money for student scholarships. Rowan University president Ali Houshmand has been making hot sauces for years. He began doing it in his free time, providing the sauces to family and friends. In recent years he's been selling his sauces online and on campus. He's been working with experts at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center and turning the various peppers he grows in a garden at Rowan's South Jersey Technology Park into three types of hot sauce. All proceeds from the sauce sales go to Rowan's Student Scholarship Fund. The three sauces are Ali's Nasty, Nasty-licious and Nasty-vicious.

# Science & Technology

## TECH Q & A:

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: My husband and I haven't tried to keep up with all the latest technology and devices. But it's becoming apparent that we will soon be "left behind" and be unable to access things that almost everyone else uses on a daily basis. For instance, when we travel we see people getting flight information from their phones faster than we could possibly find it on our own. If we decide to change, how can we learn about the new technology, and what will it cost?**

**A:** If you don't want to be left behind, embrace the technologies that are making the biggest changes in daily life—smartphones and digital TV.

Smartphones (see [tinyurl.com/y96q75uc](http://tinyurl.com/y96q75uc) or [tinyurl.com/y9ucpg2h](http://tinyurl.com/y9ucpg2h)) provide internet access anywhere, which will simplify travel, provide news and entertainment and help you stay close to friends and relatives who don't live nearby. Any wireless phone company will show you how to use a smartphone and provide a list of service plan prices.

The TV industry is producing a wider array of

Don't be left behind by technology

shows than ever before, and many of them are available via internet streaming services that cost less than cable TV. For example, an all-you-can-watch streaming service can send programs directly to your digital TV for a flat monthly fee (\$8-\$14 for Netflix, \$8-\$12 for Hulu.) For an overview of streaming TV services, see [tinyurl.com/y7auo95a](http://tinyurl.com/y7auo95a).

In order to receive these programs, you will need some equipment. You will either need to buy a smart TV (\$200 and up) or purchase a streaming device (\$30 and up, see [tinyurl.com/y7rkz26v](http://tinyurl.com/y7rkz26v)) that will work with your existing digital TV.

You will also need a home Wi-Fi network to stream the shows from the internet to your TV. If you don't have a network, you will need to buy a wireless router (\$30 and up, see [tinyurl.com/y8l2zmd](http://tinyurl.com/y8l2zmd)) that attaches to your internet connection. You may also need to upgrade your internet download speed to 3 megabits (standard definition picture) or 5 megabits (high definition.)

**Q: I updated the Adobe Flash Player on my Mac, and now I get unwanted advertisements when I browse the internet (my ad-block-**

**ing software doesn't help.) I uninstalled the Flash Player, then reinstalled it, but the pop-up ads have returned. What can I do?**

**A:** You probably downloaded a hacked version of the Adobe Flash Player, which comes with the malicious program "Snake" that shows you pop-up advertisements. My guess is that deleting and reinstalling the player didn't help because you reinstalled it from the same hacked file, called "Adobe Flash Player.app.zip".

But more trouble is looming. The screenshot you included in your e-mail shows a Snake pop-up ad for another program called "Mac Space Reviver" that you should avoid. It's a free computer utility program that falsely reports problems on your Mac—problems it claims can be fixed if you buy the for-pay version of the program.

To get rid of Snake, download and run the free version of Malwarebytes for Mac (see [tinyurl.com/jf29qxx](http://tinyurl.com/jf29qxx)). If you've already downloaded Mac Space Reviver, Malwarebytes should be able to remove it, too. But first, follow the instructions at [tinyurl.com/y8yu36xv](http://tinyurl.com/y8yu36xv).

## Science Matters

### Tiny life teems in Paris gutters

*A Parisian street gutter harbors a thriving world of microscopic plants and animals that can break down solid debris and digest pollutants such as exhaust fumes and engine oil.*

**Metro area population:**  
12.4 million

**Over 1,200 mi.  
(1,900 km)  
of streets  
and roads**



**A diatom and gutter water, which provides it with sunlight and nutrients**

\* Single-cell kind of algae with silica shell

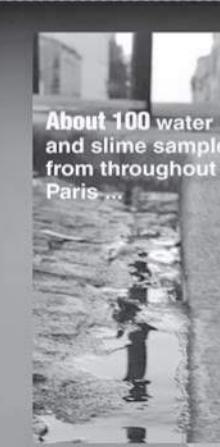
### Biodiversity in the city's streets

*... contained 6,900 potential species of eukaryotes (organisms with cell nuclei; excludes bacteria)*

**Algae diatoms** were the most common; others were microscopic fungi, sponges and mollusks

**River water and non-potable water from street hydrants did not contain these organisms**

**The green-brown color of the gutter water and bubbles were signs of photosynthetic activity**



**About 100 water and slime samples from throughout Paris ...**

Source: BOREA Biology of Aquatic Organisms and Ecosystems Research Unit; Max Planck Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology; Pascal Jean Lopez; TNS Photos Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

# Life & Style



## CLUB 200 SUPPORTERS

Atkins Kroll/Toyota donates \$2,500 to the American Reds Cross-NMI Chapter's Club 200.

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Ace Hardware donates \$4,000 to the American Reds Cross-NMI Chapter's Club 200.

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Chong's Corp. donates \$2,500 to the American Reds Cross-NMI Chapter's Club 200.

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Docomo Pacific donates \$5,000 to the American Reds Cross-NMI Chapter's Club 200.

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MarPac Inc. resident manager Guy Pudney turns over a donation to the American Reds Cross-NMI Chapter's Club 200.

*First Death Anniversary*

# † DAVID SABLAM SANTOS

December 22, 1959 – November 7, 2016

We, the family of the late  
†David Sablan Santos would like to invite  
all our families, relatives and friends to join  
us in prayers as we commemorate the  
First Death Anniversary of our beloved's  
passing into eternal life.



Holy Mass of Intention is being offered  
nightly at the following schedule:

Monday	October 30	St. Jude Church	6:00pm
Tuesday	October 31	San Vicente Church	6:00pm
Wednesday	November 1	St. Jude Church	6:00pm
Thursday	November 2	St. Jude Church	6:00pm
Friday	November 3	St. Jude Church	6:00pm
Saturday	November 4	St. Jude Church	6:00am
Sunday	November 5	St. Jude Church	8:00am
Monday	November 6	San Vicente Church	6:00pm

On the final day, Tuesday, November 7, Mass will be  
at San Vicente Church, 6:00pm. After Mass, dinner will be  
served at San Vicente Social Hall.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

*Virginia A. Santos, Children and Family*

# Fats Domino stirred New Orleans flavor into rock 'n' roll

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—In appearance, Fats Domino wasn't a typical teen idol. He stood 5-feet-5 and weighed more than 200 pounds, with a wide, boyish smile and a haircut as flat as an album cover. But Domino sold more than 110 million records, with hits including "Blueberry Hill," "Ain't That a Shame" and other standards of rock 'n' roll.

Domino, the amiable rock 'n' roll pioneer whose steady, pounding piano and easy baritone helped change popular music even as it honored the grand, good-humored tradition of the Crescent City, died early Tuesday. He was 89.

Mark Bone, chief investigator with the Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, coroner's office, said Domino died of natural causes early Tuesday morning.

His dynamic performance style and warm vocals drew crowds for five decades. One of his show-stopping stunts was playing the piano while standing, throwing his body against it with the beat of the music and bumping the grand piano across the stage.

Domino's 1956 version of "Blueberry Hill" was selected for the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry of historic sound recordings worthy of preservation. The preservation board noted that Domino insisted on performing the song despite his producer's doubts, adding that Domino's "New Orleans roots are evident in the Creole inflected cadences that add richness and depth to the performance."

He was one of the first 10 honorees named to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Rolling Stone Record Guide



In this Dec. 20, 2013 file photo, legendary musician Fats Domino is named "Honorary Grand Marshall" of the Krewe of Orpheus, the star-studded Carnival club that traditionally parades the night before Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

AP

likened him to Benjamin Franklin, the beloved old man of a revolutionary movement.

Domino became a global star but stayed true to his hometown, where his fate was initially unknown after Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005. It turned out that he and his family were rescued by boat from his home, where he lost three pianos and dozens of gold and platinum records, along with other memorabilia.

Many wondered if he would ever return to the stage. Scheduled to perform at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in 2006, he simply tipped his hat to thousands of cheer-

ing fans. His friend Haydee Ellis said then that Domino was "OK, but he doesn't feel up to performing."

But in May 2007, he was back, performing at Tipitina's music club in New Orleans. Fans cheered—and some cried—as Domino played "I'm Walkin'," "Ain't That a Shame," "Shake, Rattle and Roll," "Blueberry Hill" and a host of other hits.

That performance was a highlight during several rough years. After losing their home and almost all their belongings to the floods, his wife of more than 50 years, Rosemary, died in April 2008.

Domino moved to the New Orleans suburb of Harvey after the storm but would often visit his publishing house, an extension of his old home in the Lower 9th Ward, inspiring many with his determination to stay in the city he loved.

"Fats embodies everything good about New Orleans," his friend David Lind said in a 2008 interview. "He's warm, fun-loving, spiritual, creative and humble. You don't get more New Orleans than that."

The son of a violin player, Antoine Domino Jr. was born Feb. 26, 1928, to a family that grew to include nine children.

Antoine and Rosemary

Domino raised eight children in the same ramshackle neighborhood where he grew up, but they did it in style—in a white mansion, trimmed in pink, yellow and lavender. The front double doors opened into an atrium with chandeliers hanging from the ceiling and ivory dominos set in a white marble floor.

As a youth, he taught himself popular piano styles—ragtime, blues and boogie-woogie—after his cousin left

In 1955, he broke into the white pop charts with "Ain't It A Shame"—in which he sang the lyrics as "ain't that a shame." It was covered blandly by Pat Boone as "Ain't That a Shame" and rocked out years later under that title by Cheap Trick and many others. Domino enjoyed a parade of successes through the early 1960s, including "Rockin' Chair" and "You Done Me Wrong."

work environment."

"We will do everything in our ability to bring our workplace in line with our editorial mission, and we will use this opportunity to transform Artforum into a place of transparency, equity, and with zero tolerance for sexual harassment of any kind," the statement said.

Landesman, 67, is considered a mover and shaker in the international art scene and is known for his colorful suits.

Landesman groped her repeatedly and sent her harassing messages over several years, even after she left the magazine and told him to stop, Schmitt's suit said.

The owners of Artforum also were accused in the suit of being aware of his behavior but doing little to stop it. The suit includes accounts from other women, although none of them are plaintiffs.

The magazine's other publishers issued a statement saying Landesman had "engaged in unacceptable behavior and caused a hostile

## It ain't free, babe: Dylan guitar expected to fetch \$300K

**DALLAS** (AP)—A guitar played by Bob Dylan at notable concerts in 1970s is expected to sell for more than \$300,000 when it goes up for auction next month.

Heritage Auctions said the 1963 Martin D-28 acoustic guitar that once belonged to the singer-songwriter will be offered up Nov. 11 in Dallas. Heritage says Dylan played the guitar through his set at George Harrison's Concert for Bangladesh in New York City in 1971 and during his Rolling Thunder Revue tour from October 1975 to May 1976.

The guitar is being sold by Larry Cragg, who was Dylan's guitar repairman when Cragg bought it from him in 1977. The original receipt from the purchase, which is included in the offering, notes that the guitar was bought for \$500.

Though a musician himself, Cragg said he's never played the guitar and it's been kept in a humidity- and temperature-controlled environment.

"It has the same bridge pins, everything is just like it was when he had it: same case and everything, just like it was 40 years ago," said Cragg, who

has a San Francisco Bay Area business renting vintage instruments and has had a long career as a guitar technician and repairman, working with the likes of Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Carlos Santana, Jefferson Airplane and Neil Young.

Cragg said Dylan's guitar is so famous that "it's kind of past being a guitar now. It's the kind of thing that you'd think that people would put in a glass case or in a museum somewhere."

Mike Gutierrez, consignment director at Heritage, said it's uncommon for such gui-

tars to go up for sale.

"Most of these guitars are owned by the celebrities and they either don't need to sell them or they don't sell them," Gutierrez said. "So they very, very rarely come on the market."

The Fender Stratocaster that Dylan played at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival when he went electric sold for almost \$1 million in 2013 at Christie's in New York City. That guitar was sold by a New Jersey family who had kept it for nearly 50 years after Dylan left it on a private plane.

## Clooney donates \$1M to combat corruption in Africa

**NEW YORK** (AP)—George Clooney has donated \$1 million to combat war crimes and corruption in Africa.

The Clooney Foundation for Justice on Wednesday announced the gift to the Sentry, an investigative initiative that Clooney co-founded to uncover the financial

networks behind conflicts in Africa. In a statement, Clooney said the group's focus is "to make sure war crimes don't pay."

Clooney's grant, along with others, including one from actor Don Cheadle, totaled \$3.45 million for a fundraising campaign.

The Sentry said the money will help

fund reports in the coming year on "state looting and illicit financial flows out of the war-torn countries of South Sudan, Sudan, Congo, Somalia and the Central African Republic."

Clooney and human rights activist John Prendergast founded the Sentry in 2015.

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** (AP)—Family fitness dates are replacing the old school pizza and movie nights as more parents are realizing that the benefits of moving aren't just about burning calories but setting an example for the next generation. We talked to three fitness experts to get a feel for what family fitness looks like in their homes and also got some tips to try with your kids.

#### BROOKE BURKE-CHARVET

This mother of four and former "Dancing with the Stars" co-host is all about sweating with her family.

"Leading by example has been the most valuable lesson for family fitness," said Burke-Charvet, whose kids range from 9 to 17.

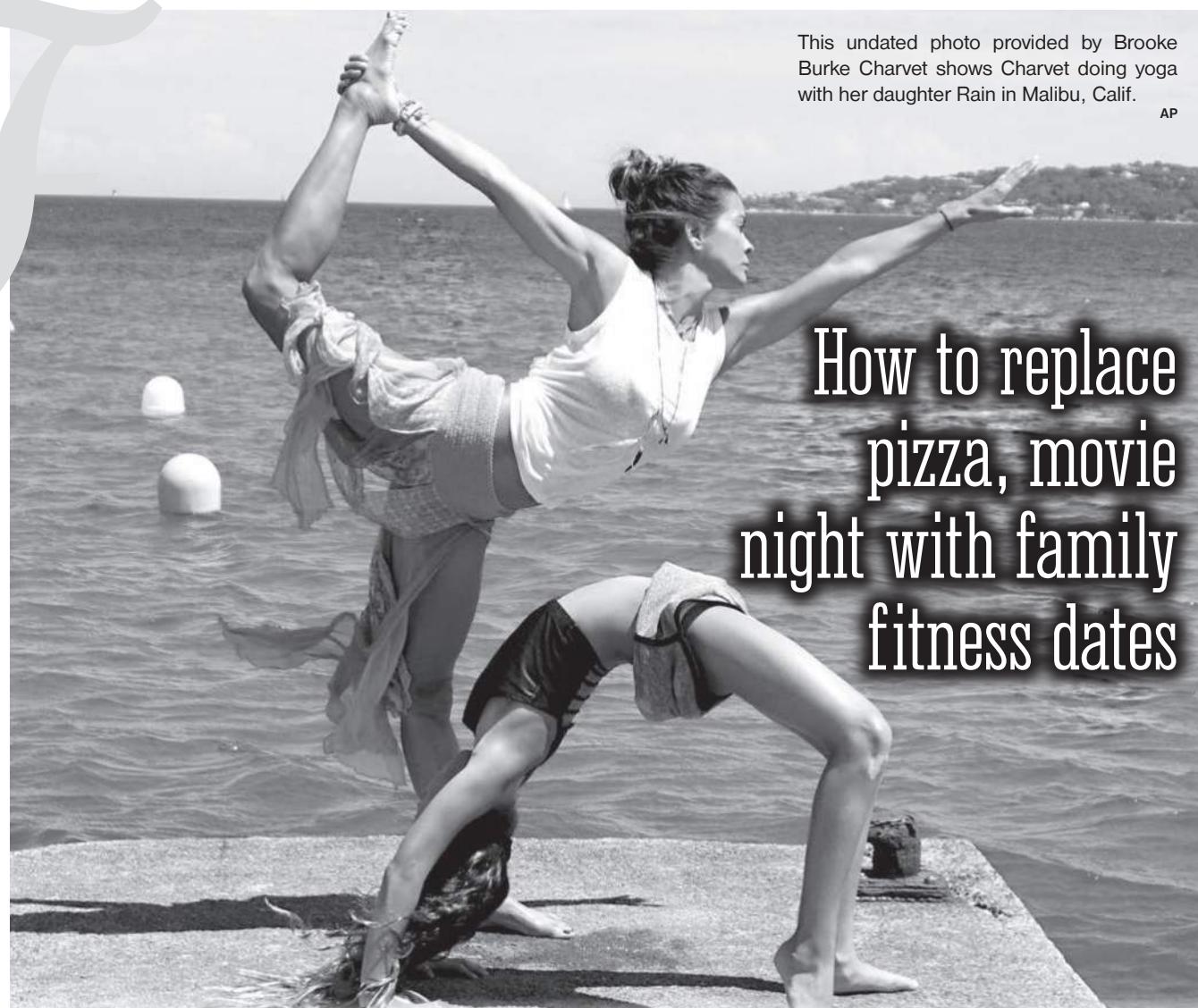
This family does a lot of moving together—they love hitting the track at nearby Pepperdine University. But it's tough getting her teens to take the Booty Burn class she teaches because they think it's too intense. Burke-Charvet is also a fan of hot yoga and spinning for herself.

"Family fitness is a big event in our household. We often take our children to the gym with us and work with the trainer who knows how to safely train children. I Soul Cycle with my husband and my teenagers," said Burke. "No mother should ever have an excuse that having a child can keep you from being fit."

#### TRY IT AT HOME

- Sign up for a family plan at the gym
- Schedule a date with your teen to take a spinning, yoga or kickboxing class
- Go to a local track and practice sprint intervals to build endurance

#### HILARIA BALDWIN



This undated photo provided by Brooke Burke Charvet shows Charvet doing yoga with her daughter Rain in Malibu, Calif. AP

## How to replace pizza, movie night with family fitness dates

With three kids under 4, a book "The Living Clearly Method" and a busy social calendar that often includes red carpet appearances with husband Alec Baldwin, it's rare that Hilaria Baldwin gets any time to herself, let alone to hit the gym. She's all about sneaking in a class or going for a long, solo run when she can, but most days she's the queen of fitting in quickie workouts around the house while she's playing with the kids. Her Instagram account is full of short intervals doing squats, lunges or handstands, often with a few kids in tow.

"They'll be in the playroom and that will give me 10 minutes to do core exercises and they think that's funny because I'm down on the ground and they will jump on top of

to be as active with my kids as possible. Not only just for myself, but to teach them," Baldwin said in a phone interview.

She's also a big fan of fully immersing herself into her children's play, and encourages moms to play hard alongside their kids and get sweaty climbing all over the jungle gym. Bonus: It might wear out your kids, too.

She also does her own workouts while they are playing.

"They'll be in the playroom and that will give me 10 minutes to do core exercises and they think that's funny because I'm down on the ground and they will jump on top of

me ... people really underestimate these things. It really can make a difference."

#### TRY IT AT HOME

- Jump on the trampoline for 10 minute with the kids

- Do acro-yoga, lay on your back and put the kids on your feet or legs. Baldwin's

kids call it flying

- Create relay races around the house
- Climb the stairs

#### ERIKA BOOM

The name of her fitness apparel brand says it all: Fit Mama. Erika Boom loves early morning workouts and, surprisingly, her 7-year-old son loves going with her.

"He also likes to cheer me on (in CrossFit), take pics and show me how he does a particular move. When I'm done ... he does some rowing, box jumps, pullups and even running."

Boom and her husband are also serious cyclists. Sometimes their son tags along, or skateboards while she rides through their Miami neighborhood.

"We are the family that prefers to ride the bike to the local farmers market instead of driving the car. We are the family that wakes up early to watch a sunrise and throw in some jogging while we are there. Our kids ... learn from our own interests."

#### TRY IT AT HOME

- Go for a family bike ride
- Bring your kids along to watch your workout and encourage them to try some moves
- Get up early as a family and sweat

## Prominent political journalist apologizes after sex claims

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Veteran journalist Mark Halperin is apologizing for what he terms "inappropriate" behavior after five women claimed he sexually harassed them while he was a top ABC News executive.

The co-author of the best-selling book "Game Change" told CNN Wednesday night that he's "deeply sorry" and is taking a "step back" from day-to-day work to deal with

the situation. He's currently an analyst for NBC News.

His statement came after CNN reported allegations that Halperin propositioned, fondled and pushed himself against five women in the early 2000s while he was ABC News' political director.



The women, who asked to remain anonymous, said they didn't report Halperin's conduct because they feared retribution or were embarrassed.

Halperin says he pursued relationships, sometimes with junior co-workers, but CNN says he denies the groping allegations.

## Son is odd man out when mom sends birthday gifts to family

**D**EAR ABBY: My husband, daughter and I all have birthdays in the same month. My mother-in-law always sends gifts for me and my daughter, but never to my husband, her son. He tries to shrug it off, but I know it bothers him.

In earlier years, I thought it was an oversight. I have tried gentle reminders and hints, but again this year there was no gift for her son. It would be different if she sent one only to our daughter, but sending one to me and not to her son is a slap in the face. They have a fairly good relationship, and my husband is kind and generous to his parents.

I haven't opened the gift she sent me this year, and I do not intend to. Should I return it to her with a note explaining why, or donate it and forget about it until it happens next year?

PERPLEXED IN THE NORTHWEST

**DEAR PERPLEXED:** Your mother-in-law's behavior strikes me as passive aggressive. That it makes you uncomfortable is understandable. Perhaps you and your husband should ask her directly why she does this and let her explain. Then, after you have heard her out, you can tell her that what she's doing makes you uncomfortable, and you would prefer she not send you any more birthday gifts if she intends to ignore her son.

**DEAR ABBY:** I hate the fact that since I have started high school, I'm restricted by the rules that guys and girls can't be friends unless they're dating. It has been worse since I got into my relationship of 2 1/2 years. I'll be 19 soon, and I have always had guy friends. I find them easier than girls.

My mother says that when you're in a relationship, it is disrespectful to have friends who are guys. My boyfriend and I fight all the time over this issue, and I have had to cut off some of my guy friends because of it. I hate not having anyone to talk to or hang out with except my boyfriend. It has left me with bad blood between me and my old friends. Is this a rule that I didn't know about? I just don't get it, but I know I need help.

TEEN IN DELAWARE

**DEAR TEEN:** What your mother may have meant when she said it is disrespectful to have male friends when you are in a relationship is that many men find it threatening. You are young, and at your age it is appropriate that you should be socializing with more than one person. Your mistake was in getting into an exclusive relationship with someone who tells you who you can and cannot be friends with. Break it off, and you may be sad for a while, but you will also be free to grow.

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**DEAR ABBY:** When a large-breasted woman is standing and saluting for the national anthem at sporting events, where

## DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

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should the right hand be placed? Above her breast, under her breast or on her breast?

JUST WONDERING IN FLORIDA

**DEAR JUST WONDERING:** It depends upon whom the right hand belongs to. If it's someone else's hand, it should be kept to oneself. If it's the large-breasted woman's hand, it should be placed on her chest toward the top of her left breast.

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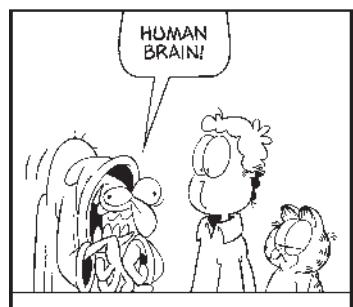
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Yesterday's answer 10-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Osbourne, 33; Patrick Fugit, 35; Peter Firth, 64; John Cleese, 78.

Happy Birthday: A steady pace will be required. Walk away from erratic individuals trying to coerce you into making an impulsive decision. A realistic approach to life and living up to your potential will counter any possible setbacks that come your way. Trust in yourself and your ability to get things done, not empty promises someone makes. Your numbers are 6, 11, 24, 28, 36, 39, 41.



**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You'll see situations clearly, but that doesn't mean you should react unwarily. Let the dust settle, take a step back and try to enjoy the finer things in life. Love is highlighted and focusing on romance will do you good. ★★★★



**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take care of business. Refuse to let an emotional situation stifle your ability to excel. Once your responsibilities are taken care of, you can channel your energy and emotions into physical activity and being productive. ★★



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Keep your emotions out of your conversations with peers or your boss. Stay focused on doing your job and getting along with your colleagues. Plan to socialize after work. Love and romance should highlight your evening. ★★★★★



**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Joint ventures may tempt you, but before you decide to take the plunge, consider the downside. You are better off doing your own thing or watching from the sidelines. Work to-

ward fixing up your living space and making physical improvements. ★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Impulsive moves will not go the way you planned. Avoid letting your emotions lead to mistakes that will be difficult to recover from. Keep your personal problems separate from your work. Don't pay for someone else's mistakes. ★★★



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take part in social events, but don't share personal information with others. Listen and you will develop a rapport with people who will offer a great source of knowledge and experience. Learn from the experts. ★★★★★



**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An impulsive emotional move will leave you at a loss, very confused and wondering what to do next. Ask someone with more experience than you to help shed light on a situation that appears to be crumbling. Anger won't solve anything. ☀



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stick to your plan. Refuse to give in to bullies. Do your own thing and you will surpass even your most fearful nemesis. Your instincts will guide you and your strength and courage will help you outmaneuver whoever gets in your way. ★★★



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): High energy coupled with spontaneity will help you reach whatever goals you set. Taking an innovative approach to life and love will tempt others to follow in your footsteps. An eclectic group of friends and ideas will lead to something great. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your plans simple and your opinions to yourself. Situations will explode quickly if you aren't cognizant of what others are doing or saying. Stay focused on what you need to accomplish and what's expected of you. ☀



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get in the groove. Once you physically take action, you will be able to conquer whatever you set out to do. Personal changes will boost your confidence and help you prepare for advancement. Romance is in the stars. ☀



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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUDET

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# Nets overcome LeBron's triple-double, beat Cavs



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Spencer Dinwiddie made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 43 seconds left while starting for the injured D'Angelo Russell, and the Brooklyn Nets overcame LeBron James' first triple-double of the season to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 112-107 on Wednesday night.

James had 29 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds in his 56th triple-double, but he missed two free throws—the second intentionally—with the Cavaliers trailing by two with 7.6 seconds remaining. DeMarre Carroll then hit a free throw and the Cavs' long inbounds pass intended for James went out of bounds.

Dinwiddie scored 22 points for the Nets, who blew a 14-point lead in the final quarter but recovered to improve to 3-2 -- the same record as the defending Eastern Conference champion Cavaliers.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson and Allen Crabbe added 19 points apiece and Carroll scored 18 for the Nets, who fell just shy of becoming the first NBA team in 32 years to open a season with five straight 115-point games.

## Rockets 105, 76ers 104

In Philadelphia, Eric Gordon hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift the Rockets to a win over the 76ers.

The Sixers were sloppy down the stretch and used a series of bad decisions and bad plays to cough up a lead that had stretched to 11. Joel Embiid was whistled for goaltending, and the Sixers had Jerryd Bayless take a shot with the game still on the line instead of Embiid or Ben Simmons.

While the Sixers collapsed, the Rockets pounced and scored the final nine points.



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives past Brooklyn Nets' Rondae Hollis-Jefferson (24) and Spencer Dinwiddie (8) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, in New York.

scored 34 points, Avery Bradley added 20 and the Pistons overcame another slow start to beat the Timberwolves.

Andre Drummond had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Pistons, who improved to 3-2. All five Detroit starters reached double figures, as did reserve Henry Ellenson.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota, while Andrew Wiggins added 21. The Timberwolves lost for the second time in two nights.

The Pistons trailed by 21 in the first half of their last two games and allowed Minnesota to score the first nine points Wednesday. This time, they stayed in the game and took the lead early in the second quarter.

## Mavericks 103, Grizzlies 94

In Dallas, Dennis Smith Jr. had 19 points and five assists and the Mavericks got their first win of the season, over the Grizzlies.

Dallas snapped a four-game losing streak, while Memphis had a season-opening three-game win streak come to an end in the opener of a home-and-home back-to-back between the teams.

Marc Gasol had 26 points for Memphis. Mike Conley scored 21 points and Tyreke Evans had 13 off the bench for the Grizzlies.

Wesley Matthews added 16, Harrison Barnes had 15, J.J. Barea scored 14, and Dirk Nowitzki scored 13 points for Dallas.

## Suns 97, Jazz 88

In Phoenix, T.J. Warren scored 20 of his 27 points in the second half and the energetic Suns improved to 2-0 under new interim coach Jay Triano with a victory over the Jazz.

The Jazz, who lost the previous night to the Clippers in Los Angeles, never led. Phoenix was up by as many as 17 in the first half and 18 in the second.

Devin Booker added 17 for the Suns, including a crucial 3-pointer with 1:29 to play after Utah had cut the lead to eight. Alex Len and Tyler Ulis scored 13 apiece. Len also grabbed 13 rebounds.

Rodney Hood scored 22 and Rudy Gobert 16 for the Jazz. Derrick Favors and Ricky Rubio added 15 apiece.

## Ex-Chiefs star Charles returning to KC with Broncos



**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**

(AP)—Jamaal Charles envisioned playing his entire career with the Chiefs, retiring from the organization that drafted him and having his name emblazoned on the ring of honor at Arrowhead Stadium.

The business of the NFL put a twist in those plans.

Now, the Chiefs' career rushing lead is preparing to return to Kansas City on Monday night as a member of the rival Denver Broncos. It figures to be an awkward homecoming for Charles, whose tremendous nine-year run with the Chiefs was slowed only by a pair of sea-

son-ending knee injuries.

"I really don't even know," Charles said when asked what kind of reception he expects to receive. "I'm just going in there to play football, like I've done every day of my life. A lot of people think I'm a traitor because I play for the Broncos. I was just trying to get a job at the end of the day."

Charles had a job this season with the Chiefs, but it came with a \$7 million price tag. And for a franchise desperately strapped for cash, that price was far too steep. Especially for a speed-reliant 30-year-old running back whose knees were massive question marks.

The Broncos wound up sign-

ing him to a \$2.5 million deal, a bargain at the time that infuriated some Chiefs fans when Charles later acknowledged he would have taken a pay cut to remain in Kansas City.

"Everything happened for a reason," Charles said this week. "I'm happy where I'm at."

Charles insists that he is finally healthy, that the swelling in his surgically repaired right knee that sidelined him last season has subsided. But he has yet to show off the explosiveness that once made him the NFL's premier running back, carrying just 42 times for 196 yards and a touchdown.

He only had four carries for two yards in last week's 21-0 loss to the Chargers.

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Tyler Johnson scored 23 points for Miami, while James Johnson finished with 21 and Goran Dragic added 20. Dragic's 3-pointer midway through the third got Miami within 61-60. Soon afterward, the Heat were in huge trouble.

## Thunder 114, Pacers 96

In Oklahoma City, Paul George was held to 10 points against his former team, but Russell Westbrook's triple-double picked up the slack and helped the Thunder beat

the Pacers.

The Pacers traded George to Oklahoma City after it became public knowledge that he didn't plan on staying with the team long-term. He fouled out with 6:15 remaining after playing just 19 minutes.

Westbrook finished with 28 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds. Carmelo Anthony had 28 points and 10 rebounds, and Steven Adams added 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Thunder, who snapped a two-game skid.

Victor Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis, who were sent from Oklahoma City to Indiana as part of the George deal, both started against their former team. Oladipo scored 35 points. Darren Collison added 18 points for the Pacers.

## Hornets 110, Nuggets 93

In Charlotte, Frank Kaminsky scored 20 points off the bench, Dwight Howard had 15 points and 19 rebounds, and the Hornets beat the Nuggets.

Charlotte opened a 25-point lead in the first half and led 62-39 at the break on the way to its second win of the season. Denver has lost two straight.

Kemba Walker added 19 points and five assists for Charlotte. Malik Monk scored 12 of his 17 in the first half, and Jeremy Lamb finished with 16 points.

Nikola Jokic had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Nuggets. Gary Harris also scored 18, and Jamal Murray had 16. Mason Plumlee grabbed 10 rebounds to go with eight points.

## Pistons 122, Timberwolves 101

In Detroit, Tobias Harris

# Springer's HR in 11th gives Astros Game 2 win

LOS ANGELES (AP)—George Springer screamed with joy as he circled the bases after hitting a two-run homer in the 11th inning.

Would it be enough? Was this the final plot twist on one of the wildest nights in postseason history?

Yes, it was—barely—and the Houston Astros won a World Series game for the first time in their 56 seasons.

Charlie Culberson hit a two-out homer in the bottom half off winner Chris Devenski, who then struck out Yasiel Puig in a tense, nine-pitch atbat. The Astros outlasted the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-6 in a Hollywood thriller Wednesday night to tie the Series at one game apiece.

"This is an instant classic and to be part of it is pretty special," Astros starter Justin Verlander said.

On a night of dramatic swings and a World Series record eight home runs, Marwin Gonzalez stunned the Dodger Stadium crowd with a solo shot off dominant Los Angeles closer Kenley Jansen on an 0-2 pitch in the ninth that made it 3-all.

Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa hit consecutive home runs against Josh Fields in the 10th to build a 5-3 Astros lead, with Correa making a big bat flip to celebrate.

But there was more. Much, much more.

"That's the craziest game that I've ever played in, and it's only Game 2," Springer said.

Puig homered off Ken Giles starting the bottom of the 10th and Enrique Hernandez knotted the score 5-5 with a two-out RBI single.

Devenski entered and with



Hernandez at second, a wild pick-off throw headed toward center field before it struck second base umpire Laz Diaz. An incredulous Hernandez put both hands on his head, unable to advance, and was stranded when Chris Taylor flied out.

Cameron Maybin, who had entered in the 10th, singled leading off the 11th against losing pitcher Brandon McCarthy, a surprise addition to the Dodgers' World Series roster who was pitching for the first time since Oct. 1. Maybin stole second and Springer hit a drive to right-center for a 7-5 lead, just the third 11th-inning home run in the Series after shots by Kirby Puckett in 1991 and David Freese in 2011.

Springer, an All-Star lead-off hitter, was 0 for 4 with

four strikeouts in the Series opener Tuesday.

Devenski retired Corey Seager and Justin Turner on lineouts in the bottom half. Puig checked his swing on a 2-2 pitch—the Astros jumped when first base umpire Gerry Davis signaled no swing—and

Puig fouled off two more. Devenski threw his fifth straight changeup, and Puig swung over it as the Astros ran onto the field to celebrate after finally closing out a back-and-forth game that lasted 4 hours, 19 minutes.

"Oh my gosh, it was crazy.

A lot of emotions, a lot of feelings," Correa said. "The ball flies at this ballpark."

After another steamy night in a Santa Ana heat wave, the series shifts to Texas and resumes Friday at Houston's Minute Maid Park, where the retractable roof has not been

scoreless innings.

After that streak ended in the eighth, the once-dominant Dodgers bullpen gave up six runs in its final four innings, costing Los Angeles in a 7-6 loss in 11 innings to the Houston Astros that evened the World Series at 1-1.

Manager Dave Roberts had it lined up just as he wanted. Kenta Maeda replaced starter Rich Hill after 60 pitches to begin the fifth inning, and he and Tony Watson combined to hand a 3-1 lead off to the back of the bullpen.

That's where things went wrong.

The scoreless streak ended in the eighth. Morrow allowed a leadoff double to Alex Breg-

Houston Astros' George Springer watches his two-run home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the 11th inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, in Los Angeles. AP

open for a game since June 8. Lance McCullers Jr. starts for the Astros and Yu Darvish for the Dodgers, who acquired him from Texas at the July 31 trade deadline.

Houston is 6-0 at home in the postseason, where the Astros have outscored the Red Sox and Yankees by a combined 31-7, but just 2-5 on the road.

Before Gonzalez's home run, the Dodgers had an 85 percent chance of winning, according to Fangraphs. After Correa's long ball, the Astros were a 93 percent favorite.

"Up, down, up, down, up," Springer said, describing his emotions over the last few innings. "That's a heck of a game right there."

Verlander, wearing an undershirt, entered the dugout in the 11th inning to scream at his teammates that the game was not over.

man, and that prompted Roberts to go to Jansen, hoping the All-Star closer could get his second career six-out postseason save—the first was against the Cubs in Game 2 of the NL Championship Series in 2016.

Jansen allowed Correa's RBI single in the eighth, the first run allowed by a Dodgers reliever since Game 2 of the Division Series. Still, Jansen took a 3-2 lead into the ninth.

Gonzalez spoiled that, homering to give Jansen his first blown save in 13 career postseason opportunities.



## Jansen blows save, Dodgers dominant 'pen pummeled

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Dodgers' usually rock-solid bullpen was anything but in Game 2 of the World Series.

Kenley Jansen allowed a tying homer to Marwin Gonzalez in the ninth -- his first ever blown save in the playoffs. Josh Fields gave up long balls to Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa in the 10th. Then Brandon McCarthy surrendered the decisive blow, a two-run shot by George Springer in the 11th.

All this from a bullpen that had thrown 28 consecutive

scoreless innings.

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# Marianas International Cup draws 120 golfers



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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Marketing and Public Affairs director David Largent, third left, receives the ceremonial check donation from TanHoldings for the Marianas International Cup 2017.

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

A total of 120 golfers are set to battle for the top honors in the inaugural Marianas International Cup 2017 that will be held this weekend in two of Saipan's challenging golf courses—Kingfisher Golf Links and the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Thirty amateur golfers each from China, Japan, and South Korea will be playing alongside the local bets in the two-day tournament, which will have a cocktail reception from

8pm to 9:30pm tonight at the casino lobby of Imperial Pacific Resort.

Action begins on Saturday with an 8am tee time at Kingfisher and is expected to finish before the scheduled 1pm lunch at the club house. Tee time moves to Laolao's east course on Sunday and it will coincide with a sponsors' tournament on the west course with both events starting at 8am. The lunch and awards ceremony are set from 1pm to 3pm.

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Marketing and Public Affairs director



David Largent said although there are no prominent amateur golfers competing, there are still a lot of good players from the three countries featured in the weekend event.

He added that it is the first international golf tournament that will be held on Saipan. "It is the first of its kind and is positioned being an annual event to continue to attract golf tourism. It would also promote marketing between the Mar-



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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Marketing and Public Affairs director David Largent, left, shakes hands with I Love Saipan's Alex Youn after getting the company's support for the Marianas International Cup 2017.

anas Visitors Authority tourism markets of China, Japan, and South Korea. So this year, will be a good start to do even more next year."

The Top 8 male and four female golfers in the 2017 Annual Club Lao Charity Golf Tournament earned qualifying spots to the Marianas International Cup, while 12 players will be leading the charge for the locals. Ryan Park Kim, Feng Chun Jin, J.J. Atalig, Dong Young Lee, Jong Hoon Park, Seung Woo Kang, Young Woo Lee, and Gi Yeong Kim are the

men's qualifiers, while Yuko Togawa, Me Ae Jeon, Chang Hee Yoo, and Noriko Togawa earned the women's spots.

The Marianas International Cup will have low gross and double peoria formats. There will be Top 3 men's and women's winners after the two-day combined low gross scores, while one champion will be named in the double peoria.

The Top 3 for each country—China, Japan, and Korea—will also be recognized after the combined scores for two days in the double peoria format. Cash prizes

will also be given away to the lucky winners.

The grand champion in the double peoria will get a free four-night stay at one of Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel-Saipan's Grand Ocean Suites and round-trip airfare for two to Saipan, while winners from each country will get a three-night stay in a Deluxe room. The hotel will open in late 2018.

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Washington	3	0	1.000	—
Orlando	3	1	.750	½
Miami	2	1	.667	1
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2½

Central Division				
Cleveland	3	1	.750	—
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	—
Indiana	2	2	.500	1
Detroit	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	0	3	.000	2½

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
Memphis	3	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	3	0	1.000	—
Houston	3	1	.750	½
New Orleans	1	3	.250	2½
Dallas	0	4	.000	3½

Northwest Division				
Portland	3	1	.750	—
Minnesota	2	2	.500	1
Utah	2	2	.500	1
Denver	1	2	.333	1½
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	1½

Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	3	0	1.000	—
Golden State	2	2	.500	1½
L.A. Lakers	1	2	.333	2
Phoenix	1	3	.250	2½
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2½

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## KNIGHTS

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Agape's Zheng tried to close the gap and was a bit successful as he scored all of the team's 6 points in the third period to cut the deficit to as low as 5, 19-24. However, a triple from Richard Steele gave the Knights more room to operate, while Toves followed it up with a split free throw to retain Mt. Carmel's 8-point lead, 27-19, going into the final quarter.

In the fourth period, Zheng remained persistent and Agape had one final push to mount a comeback, moving within 5 anew, 24-29, after Zheng's long jumper. However, that was the last field

goal for the Torchbearers, as they missed a bundle in the final three minutes and change of the game and went 1-for-6 from the foul line.

In contrast, Mt. Carmel got key baskets from Jeremiah Diaz, who made back-to-back fields and two free throws to steady the ship. A getaway layup from Toves under a minute left brought the Knights' lead back to twin digits, 35-25, while a point-blank shot from Tenorio off Steele's feed put icing on the cake.

Steele again top-scored for the Francis San Nicolas-coached Mt. Carmel with 11 points, just one shy of his output in their 41-18 rout of Saipan International School in

the semis last Tuesday. Toves added 9, while Tenorio and Diaz combined for 12 more points for the newly crowned champions.

Zheng led all scorers with his 16 points and was the lone Agape player to knock in more than one field goal in the finals. Silas Xu, who had 12 markers in their 34-31 semis victory over Grace Christian Academy, was limited to 5, 3 of them came from the foul line.

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"Our team is still not sure with work and school [schedules]. And it is a bit rush to be prepared, so better we don't commit as it is also very expensive to send [a team]. We don't want to give a bad example for the CNMI," Largent said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

However, it is not yet known whether the CFGA would be slapped with fines by the Pacific Games Council for not participating despite submitting names for the golf event.

Largent said although he did

not know the entire rules of the PGC, he believes they won't be fined since they informed NMSA earlier that they would no longer be competing.

"No fines. I don't think so. My understanding is that Oct. 20 was the submission and we did not confirm, so everything is okay. But I don't know what the overall rules are," said Largent. "Oct. 20 was what I thought was the deadline as I remember. Nothing negative has been said back to me so I'm assuming everything is okay."

NMSA president White is also not sure if the CFGA would incur fines from the PGC.

"Our golf team has decided not to participate," he said.

Part III Protocol 7.9 of the Games Management Protocol under PGC's charter states that "Pacific Games Association's which do not finally participate in one or more of the sports on the Games finals program despite having entered numerical entries, will be liable to a financial penalty of \$1,000 per sport, payable to the Pacific Games Council and transferred to the Organizing Committee if it can prove a financial loss arising from the withdrawal of PGAs from particular sports."

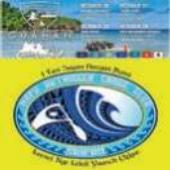
With golf's withdrawal, the CNMI is left to compete in athletics, 3x3 basketball, and weightlifting. Northern Marianas Rugby Union is also not joining the Mini Games after previously committing to send a team.

Zarinae Sapong, Beouch Ngirchongor, and Jamie Pangalinan will be representing Team Marianas in athletics, while Douglas Schmidt Jr., Dan Barcinas, Preston Basa, and Jack Lizama Jr. will play for the CNMI's 3x3 men's basketball team. Angel San Nicolas, Leonardo Apelo Jr., David Barnhouse Jr., Raymond Santos, and Joseph Tudela are Commonwealth's entries to the weightlifting competition.

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# Napu paddlers to defend titles vs Guam, Palau

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 Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's youth paddlers will be defending their titles against host Guam and Palau in this weekend's 19th Micronesia Cup at Matapang Beach.

Napu's junior teams swept the Top 3 in the junior mix 500m, 1,500m, and long-distance course of the 18th Micro Cup held in Palau last year and will be the squad to beat in the Oct. 26 to 29 competition in Guam.

Seventeen youth paddlers will be representing the club in this weekend's races and they all left for Guam yesterday. The team is made up of Catherine Calms, Leisha



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Napu youth paddlers and the club's officials pose for a photo at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday before heading to Guam to compete in this weekend's 19th Micronesia Cup at Matapang Beach.

## DFS sponsors tomorrow's Ride for Her

 DFS Saipan Ltd is pleased to sponsor this Saturday's Ride for Her.

This fun bike ride is part of DFS Saipan's activities for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For a registration fee of \$10, you will get a free T-shirt and one raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes from DFS. There are two all road routes: 20K (from DFS Beach Road entrance to PIC and back) and 40K (from DFS Beach Road entrance to Hawaiian Rock entrance and back).

You can register online at <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=114730>. You can also register on the day of the race. Regis-

stration forms are available at Taro Sue, Saipan Bike Pro, and the DFS Administrative Office.

All proceeds from Ride for Her will go to the Commonwealth Cancer Association. DFS Group supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout its locations worldwide. The fun ride culminates a month-long activities that the employees engage in to support breast cancer awareness month in the CNMI, including a presentation of cancer statistics in the CNMI from Dr. John Tudela and Dr. Phuong Luu and a "Pink Bake Sale". Proceeds from the bake sale will also be donated to the Commonwealth Cancer Association. (DFS)

Deleon Guerrero, Mayiah Duenas, Daydra Hocog, Isabel Ito, Dayna Macaranas, Dhalian Salas, Poima Tarkong, Steven Goodwin,

Paul Heo, Joseph Nekaijes, Darian Salas, Nathan Nogis, Oldie Joe Roligat, Abbas Shakir, Jon Paul Sablan, and You Jin Jun.

"The kids have been working hard at practice. They are mentally and physically prepared so we are confident that our kids will do well," Napu

president Ponce Rasa said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Napu would like to thank the following for making their participation to the Micro Cup possible: Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Saipan Northern Islands Delegation, Imperial Pacific International's CSR Team, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Marianas Variety, IT&E Triple J Enterprises Inc, SDA Clinic, Megabyte of Saipan, McDonalds of Saipan/Guam, and Reps. Edmund Villagomez, Jose Itibus, Arnold Palacios, Donald Barcenas, BJ Attao, JP Sablan, Francisco Dela Cruz, Frank Aguon, Sixto Igisomar, Justo Quittuga, Ivan Blanco, Angel Demapan, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Edwin Propst, Gregorio Sablan Jr., and Rafael Demapan.

"We are deeply humbled by the tremendous generosity and support we are receiving from our community members and businesses alike," Rasa said.

## Black Mamba recovers, slips past Ridhors

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Black Mamba is back on track after surviving Tropang Ridhors, 83-80, in the second game in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Marlo Ibanez scored five straight points, including a lean-in jumper to beat the 24-second shot clock, while White Capalad hit two free throws to lift Black Mamba (4-2) to the close win and end the squad's two-game slide.

Ibanez's triple gave Black Mamba its biggest lead, 79-74, with a little over a minute left in the game, but Ridhors answered with 4 quick points off Mike Surima and John Paul Morales' baskets to cut the deficit to one, 78-79. Alex Lauron tried to counter in the ensuing play, but missed the left baseline jumper. Fortunately, Yosh Gabaldon grabbed the rebound and Black Mamba worked the clock a little bit before Ibanez pulled up for an 8-footer in front of Ridhors' Junar Guiab for more cushion, 81-78, 33 ticks to go in the match.

Ridhors sued for time, but failed to hit a shot when the game resumed and later fouled Capalad to stop the clock, which read at 17 seconds. Capalad calmly sank the pair of charities to increase their lead, 83-78. However, Ridhors refused to give



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Black Mamba's Marlo Ibanez pulls up for a crucial jumper in front of Tropang Ridhors' Junar Guiab during the closing minutes of their game in the IT&E-sponsored Ali'i Blue Haus caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

up and stayed in the game when Surima also went 2-for-2 from the stripe off a foul from Lauron in the ensuing play.

Down by just 3, Ridhors then gambled on foul-

five seconds of the match and the gambit paid off when he

missed both free throws. Ridhors gunner Ken Vi-ray got the rebound, but was well covered by Black Mamba defenders and

## Kiyu Library golf tournament Nov. 4

 The 3rd Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament will be held on Nov. 4 on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Registration fee for the double peoria tournament is only \$100 and entry forms are available at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and Laolao and should be turned in together with the entry fee by Nov. 2. Show time is at 6:30am, while tee time is at 7:30am.

Lots of raffle prizes are at stake in next month's competition, while Imperial Pacific International will give away \$200 each to closest to the pin winners. Participants also have a chance to win hole-in-one prizes, which include Atkins Kroll's 2017 Toyota Highlander, Joeten Motors'

2017 Honda Civic Hatchback, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriter's, Inc.'s \$5,000.

The Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament has been a huge success, thanks to all attendees, community sponsors, donors, volunteers, off-island golfers, and those who donated raffle items. Last year, 80 joined the event and nearly \$10,000 was raised to provide funding support and assistance for library services, programs, and equipment for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota), and the Tinian Public Library.

For more information, contact the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library at 235-7315/16/22 (Victoria Cabrera or Beth Demapan) or send email to friendsofjkp12016@gmail.com. (PR)

could not take the shot, so he passed the ball to Morales, who pulled up for a triple and missed badly. The ball hitting nothing but air and rolled out to the baseline, sealing the doom for Ridhors as the clock was down to 0.6 of a second and Black Mamba had possession.

Ridhors, which led at the end of each of the first three quarters and was even on top by 10 at the break, 50-40, absorbed its second straight loss after a 5-0 start.

Meanwhile, Green Minded (4-3) added to the Green Archers' woes after posting a 96-86 win in the first game. The Green Archers are winless in eight games.

### First Game

**Green Minded 96** — Devero 31, Itaas 19, Barrios 13, Santos 12, Armia 8, Tibayan 6, Dela Cruz 4, Vergara 3.

**Green Archers 86** — Rotap 21, Tolentino 16, Demapan 14, Ferrer 11, Mendiola 8, Baterina 8, Pestillos 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-19, 35-38, 63-60, 96-86.

### Second Game

**Black Mamba 83** — Lauron 25, Capalad 14, Lansang 14, Ibanez 11, Gabaldon 7, Odicta 6, William 3, Brien 2, Salazar 1.

**Tropang Ridhors 80** — Viray 24, Morales 19, Yoshisawa 12, Surima 8, Guiab 6, Fernandez 6, Acosta 3, Claveira 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-24, 40-50, 62-65, 83-80.





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# Knights reclaim crown



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Mt. Carmel School's Merrick Toves takes off for an open layup during the fourth quarter of their title game against Agape Christian School in the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League yesterday at the packed Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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**M**t. Carmel School took back the championship it lost to Agape Christian School last season after posting a 37-25 victory in the boys middle school finals of the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League yesterday at the packed Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Knights weathered every Agape's storm to prevail in their third straight title showdown and avenge their 19-33 defeat at the hands of the Torchbearers during the 2016-2017 season. Mt. Carmel now has a 2-1 record against Agape in their head-to-head finals showdown, as the Knights also won their first meeting (2015-2016), 40-38.

With a score to settle after splitting their first two outings, the Mt. Carmel-Agape title duel drew a huge crowd as both teams brought throngs of supporters. With their fans cheering them on, the Knights got off to a good start, leading by 5 at the end of the first period, 11-6. Merrick Toves had 6 points for Mt. Carmel in the first canto, while Earl San Nicolas and Josh Tenorio added a triple

and a layup, respectively.

Only Davis Zheng made a field goal for Agape in the opening canto and the de-throned champions continued to struggle offensively against the Knights' pressured defense in the second quarter. Agape

was held to three field goals in the second canto, allowing the Knights to lead by as much as 11, 19-8, before settling for a 21-13 advantage at the break.

When the game resumed,

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Franco Nakamura, seen here eyeing his shot during the 2017 Governor's Tournament of Champions, and five other CNMI golfers pulled out from the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu.

## 11 participate in Rota coaches, umpires clinic

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Eleven Rota residents participated in the weeklong coaches and umpires certification clinic conducted by Saipan Baseball League coordinator Tony Rogolifo.

Not even the inclement weather could stop Rogolifo from sharing his technical knowledge of the sport

to Rota residents. The certification clinic began with the three-day umpires' course, from last Tuesday

to Thursday, and followed

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Saipan Baseball League coordinator Tony Rogolifo answers questions from participants of the coaches and umpire clinic in Rota last week.

## CNMI golfers pull out from Mini Games

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CNMI Federation of Golf Associations president David Largent said the Commonwealth will no longer send a men's team to the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Port Vila in Vanuatu later this year.

Largent informed Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White of the golfers' withdrawal even before the Pacific Games Council sent out the athletes' entries for the 10th edition of the quadrennial sporting conclave. The CNMI, based on the

Vanuatu Mini Games' list, have six players entered in the golf competition. They are veterans Joseph Camacho, Harry Nakamura Jr., Luis Tilipao, Sebastian Camacho, and youngsters Dong Young Lee and Franco Santos. Largent said they informed NMSA before the Oct. 20 deadline for submission of the athletes' names about their withdrawal.



He cited work and school schedules as reasons for not pushing through with their trip to Port Vila, which will host the Games from Dec. 4 to 15

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